

who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

**Luke 11:1-13**

*The Lord's Prayer*

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come.  
 Give us each day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our sins,  
     for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
 And do not bring us to the time of trial."

*Perseverance in Prayer*

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



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*We are in the season after Pentecost, where we watch & learn from how the Church, the Body of Christ, grew and grows. We experience all the gifts our God of love has given us, all the ways Jesus Christ, the Living Word, is with us, all the ways the Holy Spirit teaches us and prompts us to deeper faith, more committed discipleship, and reaching out with a wider welcome to all the people God loves.*

*Pastor Philip Peterson was pastor of Faith Lutheran in Forest Lake for a long time. Before that, he and Mary Kaye did ministry together at Diamond Lake in Minneapolis. Pastor Phil likes rock music, asks great questions, likes being a grandpa, and is a great preacher (bio supplied by Pastor Mary Kaye). Thanks for being here!*

**FAMILY PATHWAYS**

Family Pathways is asking for help restocking their shelves by donating non-perishable food items! There is a bin at the church for collections! Want to give financially? \$10 feeds a family for one week!

**HEARING DEVICES** are available to assist with hearing. Please ask an usher and they will be happy to get you one!

*If you'd like to request a pastoral visit, please message Pastor Mary Kaye to schedule a time and day that works for you.*

**QUILTERS** meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 9:30am. No experience needed! We invite you to join us!

**SARAH CIRCLE** is for the following items: Boys & Girls 0-3 month sleepers, receiving blankets and crib blankets.

<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>		<b>Next Council Meeting</b>
Wendy Szczepanski	Miriam Flysjo	<b>August 11</b>
Rose Anderson	Craig Loen	<b>10:30am</b>
Becky Hulden		
Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley		

## CALENDAR

([www.tflutheran.org](http://www.tflutheran.org) for full calendar)

**Sun July 28**  
**Guest Preacher: Pr Phil Peterson**

9a - Worship  
10a - Fellowship

**Mon July 29 (Pr. Hrs:9a-1p)**

9a - Staff Meeting

**Tues July 30**

**Wed July 31 (Pr. Hrs:5p-8:30p)**

6:30p - Bible Study

**Fri August 2 (Pr. Hrs:9a-12p)**

**Sun August 4**

**Guest Preacher Pr. Jodi Houge**

9a - Worship  
10a - Fellowship

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

♦ **BIBLE STUDY....**We're continuing to dig into the Gospel of John! At our next Bible study on July 24th, we will be working on John 16. New joiners welcome at any time!! We meet from 6:30-8p on Wednesday evenings. Bring food if you need some or want to share; wonderings, too! July 31st & August 7th, 14th, 21st. Bible Study will pause after 8/21—watch for new adult learning opportunities in the fall.

♦ **BOOK STUDY** at the Lodge continues in July, Wednesdays noted below at 10:30am. We are reading Trouble I've Seen: Changing

the Way the Church views Racism by Drew Hart. Call PMK or office for a copy of the book. Look for us in the sunroom! July 24th. August 7th, 14th, & 21st.

♦ **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT in Taylors Falls** is on Tuesday, August 6th from 6:00-8:00pm at the Taylors Falls Elementary School. Supper is at 6pm with live music from local musicians and starting at 6:30pm, Chisago County Sheriff's Department will have demonstrations. There will be music, dessert, snow cones and displays including a table from our church! Check out the flyer on the bulletin board for more information!

♦ **LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP 31st Annual Summer Celebration & Auction** is on Sunday, August 11th at 11:00am. For more information, please check the bulletin board for more details.

♦ **MiChiLu: MONTHLY COLLABORATIVE MEETING** is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. Site to be announced. Everyone is welcome!

♦ **MiChiLu: EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER** is on Thursday, August 15th hosted by Immanuel in Almelund. Money raised will benefit local food shelves! All are welcome! If you are willing to bring a soup pot of soup for this event, please let us know! There will also be a silent auction at this event—if you have a gift to give, see PMK.

♦ **AUGUST STEEPLE FUNDRAISER** is Sunday, August 18th at 11:00am. Menu includes Hot Dogs & Sweet Corn! There will be a sign up sheet for items needed on the bulletin board, watch for more details! Free will offering is welcome! Invite friends, neighbors and family! Supported by Thrivent.

## Scripture Readings:

### Genesis 18:20-32

Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

### Psalms 138

### Colossians 2:6-15

#### *Fullness of Life in Christ*

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him,