

August 4, 2019

651 Chestnut Street
Taylors Falls, MN 55084
(651)465-5265 www.tflutheran.org
Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley
cell: (612)532-7083 • email:
felcpastor.mk@gmail.com



Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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.

Jodi Houge is a pastor at Humble Walk Lutheran Church, a 10 year old church plant in the heart of St Paul. She lives in St Paul with her two daughters, husband, dog and cat. Thanks for being here!

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

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!

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

SARAH CIRCLE meets this Tuesday, Aug. 3rd at 9:30am. Cynthia Holmberg is hosting. All are welcome!

Sarah Circle is looking for the following items: Boys & Girls 0-3 month sleepers, receiving blankets and crib blankets.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Wendy Szczepanski
Rose Anderson
Becky Hulden
Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley

Miriam Flysjo
Craig Loen

Next Council Meeting
August 11th
10:15am

CALENDAR

(www.tflutheran.org for full calendar)

Sun Aug 4

Guest Preacher Jodi Houge

9a - Worship

10a - Fellowship

Mon Aug 5 (Pr. Hrs:9a-2p)

9a - Staff Meeting

10:30a - Worship Committee

Tues Aug 6 (Pr. Hrs:4p-9p)

9:30a - Sarah Circle

6p - National Night Out, TFE

Wed Aug 7 (Pr. Hrs:9:30a-8:30p)

10:30a - Book Study @ The Lodge

6:30p - Bible Study @ FELC

Thurs Aug 8 (Pr. Hrs:8:30a-1p)

9:30a - Quilters

Sun Aug 11 (Pr. Hrs:8a-4p)

9a - Worship

10a - Fellowship

10:15a - Church Council Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS!

◆ **BIBLE STUDY**....We're continuing to dig into the Gospel of John! At our next Bible study on Aug. 7th, 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! 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! August 7th, 14th, & 21st.

◆ **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** in Taylors Falls is on Tues, Aug 6th, 6-8pm at the First Baptist Church. Supper is at 6pm with live music from local musicians & starting at 6:30pm, Chisago County Sheriff's Department will have demonstrations. There will be music, dessert, snow cones & 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 Tues, Aug 13th, 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 Burgers, Hot Dogs & Sweet Corn! Watch for a sign up sheet for items needed on the bulletin board! Free will offering is welcome! Invite friends, neighbors and family! Supported by Thrivent.

Wednesday, August 7th, 5:00-6:30pm

Let's Talk About Stewardship

Sunday, August 11th, 1:30-3:00pm

Let's Talk About How We Nurture Our Faith Growth

Tuesday, August 13th, 3:00-4:30pm

Let's Talk About How We Collaborate With Others

All are welcome! Feel free to bring food or snacks or not, as you choose. Looking forward to talking with you! Bring a friend!

The logo for "Let's Talk" features the words "Let's Talk" in a white, cursive font, slanted upwards to the right. The text is set against a blue, oval-shaped background that has a slight gradient and a drop shadow effect.

Scripture Readings:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

The Futility of Seeking Wisdom

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalms 49:1-12