

understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

*The Faith of Abraham*

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**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.”



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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. We are glad you are here worshiping with us, and invite you to sign our guest book, fill out a green visitor or prayer slip found in the pew, or talk with Pr. Mary Kaye. 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** 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>TODAY</b>
Rose Anderson	Craig Loen	<b>10:15am</b>
Becky Hulden		
Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley		

## CALENDAR

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

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

9a - Worship  
10a - Fellowship  
10:15a - Council Meeting  
1:30p - Let's Talk: Faith Growth

**Tues Aug 13 (Pr. Hrs:8:30a-5p)**

9a - Staff Meeting  
12:30p - MiChiLu Collab Meeting at  
Zion Lutheran, Chisago  
3p - Let's Talk: Collaboration

**Wed Aug 14 (Pr. Hrs:9:30a-8:30p)**

10:30a - Book Study @ The Lodge  
6:30p - Bible Study @ FELC

**Thurs Aug 15**

5:30 - Empty Bowls Fundraiser  
At Immanuel in Almelund

**Sun Aug 18 (Pr. Hrs:8a-2p)**

9a - Worship  
10a - Fellowship  
11a - Steeple Fundraiser

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

♦ **BIBLE STUDY....** We're continuing to dig into the Gospel of John! At our next Bible study on Aug. 14th, we will be working on John 20. 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 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 14th & 21st

♦ **TODAY—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 at Zion Lutheran in Chisago City. Everyone is welcome! Please come to learn more about how we all can and are working together!

♦ **MiChiLu: EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER** is on Thursday, August 15th, 5:30pm to 7pm hosted by Immanuel in Almelund. Money raised will benefit local food shelves! All are welcome! We've been asked to bring a soup pot of soup for this event—Can you please?! There will also be a silent auction at this event—if you have a gift to give, see PMK.

♦ **CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLOTHING DRIVE** will be held on Sat, Aug. 17th from 8:45am—1pm by MN Lutheran Social Services at the MN LSS Center for Changing Lives in Mpls. Donations are needed by Friday, Aug. 16th. Gently used children's and youth clothing, shoes, winter outerwear & boots and NEW underwear & socks are needed. See the bulletin board at church for more details.

♦ **Do you have a hymn** (from ELW or WOV) or song, include music please, you'd like to be sung in worship at FELC? Drop a note or email to PMK—we can't promise when, but will let you know when it's coming up.

♦ **AUGUST STEEPLE FUNDRAISER** is Sunday, August 18th at 11:00am. Menu includes Burgers, Hot Dogs & Sweet Corn! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for three people to bring two dozen cobs of corn, set up & clean up and we need a grill master to cook the meat! Free will offering is welcome! Invite friends, neighbors and family! Supported by Thrivent.

**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!

*Let's Talk*

## Scripture Readings:

**Genesis 15:1-6**

*God's Covenant with Abram*

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**Psalms 33:12-22**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*The Meaning of Faith*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we