

God's Work, Our Hands

God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.

Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.

Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.

Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

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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.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Wendy Szczepanski
Craig Loen
Becky Hulden
Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley

Miriam Flysjo
Rose Anderson

Next Council Meeting TODAY

CALENDAR

(www.tflutheran.org for full calendar)

Sun Sept 8 (Pr. Hrs:8a-1p)

9a - Worship with Gods Work, Our Hands (9am—10:30am)
9a - Confirmation Class engaging in Gods Work, Our Hands
10:30a - Fellowship

Tues Sept 10 (Pr. Hrs:8:30a-1p)

10:15a - Staff Meeting
7p - Choir Practice

Wed Sept 11 (Pr. Hrs:9:30a-8:30p)

10:30a - Lodge Book Study
6:30p - Youth Group

Thur Sept 12 (Pr. Hrs:6-8:30p)

9:30a - Quilters
6:30p - Faith Stretch

Fri Sept 13 (Pr. Hrs:6-8:30p)

6:30p - Faith Stretch

Sun Sept 15 (Pr. Hrs:8a-10:15a)

9a - Worship
10a - Fellowship
10:15a - Life Group

UPCOMING EVENTS!

◆ **GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS** is TODAY! Join in on one of the service projects throughout the church. All the churches in the ELCA are invited to focus on service this fall, and we want to be part of this!

◆ **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!

September Dates: 11th & 18th
NO BOOK STUDY: Sept. 25th

◆ **FAITH STRETCH** is a group that will come together occasionally on evenings from 6:30-8pm; come to one or all (more sessions, more learning & fun); bring a notebook or journal & food if hungry. Members and non-members are welcome to join us for Bible study, book study, group building, prayer, service, worship (but not all in one night!) Let Pr. Mary Kaye know if you're coming, or just come! Bring your Bible & meet in the library!

Faith Stretch Dates: September 12th & September 13th

◆ **RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION** invites all women to a luncheon on Monday, Sept. 16th at 11:30am at the Alliance Church of the Valley in St. Croix Falls. For more information, see the bulletin board at church.

◆ **COLLABORATIVE WORSHIP & SUPPER** will be held on Sept. 22 at Trinity Lutheran in Lindstrom from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. More to be announced soon! FELC is asked to bring coleslaw for around 150 people. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board; please sign up if you are able to bring coleslaw to Trinity the evening of the worship & supper.

◆ **CRUISE WITH THE ASI MALE CHORUS** on September 10th from 6:30pm-9pm. Tickets: \$48.95. St. Croix Buffet Dinner Cruise, Dance with a live band, and singing by the ASI Male Chorus. Check out the bulletin board for more details! (ASI stands for American Swedish Institute)

◆ **ADDICTION & FAITH CONFERENCE** September 20-22 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington, MN. Open to anyone interested in exploring the devastation of addiction and the remarkable healing process of faith. For complete schedule, pricing & registration, visit: www.addictionandfaithconference.com.

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 1

Luke 14:25-33

The Cost of Discipleship

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.**

**Lord, please teach me to be holy.
Make my new heart beat for You.
Use your Fire to consume me.
I want to be holy, like You.**

**Lord, now use me as your servant,
To bring glory unto You;
Purchased at a price, a living Sacrifice,
This my prayer Lord, to You.**

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