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## AUGUST 2021

The Newsletter of  
First Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
561 Chestnut Street  
Taylors Falls, MN  
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651-465-5265  
[www.tflutheran.org](http://www.tflutheran.org)

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 1: Indoor  
August 8: Outdoor  
August 15: Indoor  
August 22: Outdoor  
August 29: Outdoor

Online Worship  
available every  
Sunday, please  
check out our  
website:  
[www.tflutheran.org](http://www.tflutheran.org)  
or our YouTube  
Channel:  
First Evangelical  
Lutheran  
Church of TF.

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday  
8:30am—1:30pm

Tuesday  
8:30am—12:30pm

Thursday  
8:30am—11:30am  
Hours may vary - please  
visit the website for  
updates.



## Living the “As’s”

In the August 2011 issue of The Lutheran, the then Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson wrote a great article. In the article he made reference to a contest for people to submit video responses to the question, “What does it mean to live Lutheran?” Some of those clips were aired at the Churchwide Assembly that year. But it was not just Bishop Hanson’s illustration of his own response that was powerful; it was his restating of the question that caught my attention. His story about “Living Lutheran” mostly focused on asking for forgiveness, but later he states, “I sometimes think about the word “as” in Scripture. To me, to live Lutheran means in part to be freed in Christ to live the ‘as’. To forgive others *as* God forgives me on account of Jesus. To love others *as* God loves me steadfastly and mercifully.”

That got me thinking. How many as’s are in Scripture and how many apply to me, to you in similar ways? As you can imagine there are hundreds, a lot at the beginning of sentences, “As they walked...” And it also depends on which translation you use, so I can’t give you a definitive answer to the how many. But there are quite a few that I discovered that provide us a great list to live into. And it’s that living that also rings true for me as well. More and more I’m discovering or realizing

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that its way too easy to think, theologize, argue, and more, about God and what God wants for us and of us. But it's a whole lot more vital that we actually live God - live in relationship with God's people (that's all people), and living in and with all of God's creation.

Living the **as's**! Just think! Here are some of my favorites:

"... forgive one another, **as** God in Christ has forgiven you."  
Ephesians 4:32b

"Be merciful, just **as** your Father is merciful." Luke 6:36

"You shall love your neighbor **as** yourself." Matthew 19:19b

"Welcome one another, therefore, just **as** Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

"For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for **as** all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

"He destined us for adoption **as** his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved."  
Ephesians 1:5-6

"It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just **as** the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."  
Matthew 20: 26-28

I could go on, but this list is challenging enough as it is. Living and giving mercy, forgiveness, love, welcome, and living as the resurrected, grace filled servant children of God that Jesus has made us is a good start. So let's get to it – living our **as's** off! Singular Text Version – LMAO J

Pastor Dwight Rudquist



## *New Members* **Welcome!**

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the office at 651-465-5265.

## **LIBRARY**HOURS

Monday 8:30am-1:30pm  
Tuesday 8:30am-12:30pm  
Thursday 8:30am-11:30am

## **COUNCIL**MEETING

Council will meet September 12, 2021 at 10:15am.

## **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: \$2771.60

06/27 Giving:	\$2,545.00
07/04 Giving:	\$3,695.00
07/11 Giving:	\$ 730.00
07/18 Giving:	\$2,396.00
07/25 Giving:	\$ 611.25

Thank you for your faithful giving. Please contact FELC Treasurer, Becky Hulden with any questions or concerns at: 651-465-3631 or rhulden@gmail.com.



## **AUGUST** BIRTHDAYS

Danita Robinson	08/02
Dylan Lynch	08/05
John Donahue	08/07
Gwen Gilman	08/07
Lindsey McDonald	08/09
Darlene Mueller	08/09
JonTae Hackmann	08/10
Riley Linngren	08/11
David Hackmann	08/13
Andrew Lundsted	08/14
Arne Lagus	08/16
Wade Vitalis	08/17
Kathy Carlsted	08/19
Susan Nelson	08/19
Daniel Curry	08/20
Jonathan Luschen	08/25
Mike Moberg	08/26
Julie Valez	08/26
Marcielle Rogers	08/30

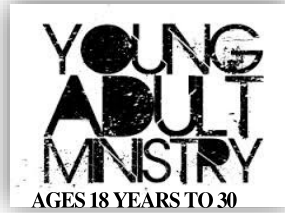
Please contact the church office if there are any errors or omissions. Thank you.





### Youth Group & Confirmation Class

We are planning to start Youth Group and Confirmation Classes in September. Tentative plans are Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in more information, please call the church office at 651-465-5265



### Calling all young adults!!!

We'd love to hear from you - share with us what you are up to! Have you gotten married? Started a family? Are you in college? What things are you doing in your life ~ we'd love to hear from you and see pictures! Please email, mail or call us with anything you'd like to share!



Do you need school supplies? We have 3-ring binders, pencils, plus more! Please call the church office for more details!!!

## Summer Programs

Visit our website: [www.lutherpoint.org](http://www.lutherpoint.org) for more information, a full summer schedule and information on summer camp discounts & incentive discounts!



We have brochures at the church on the bulletin board!

### What I Love About First Lutheran

#### Spotlighting Kathy Carlsted

We originally started attending First Lutheran because our daughter Anika wanted to go to confirmation with her friends from Taylors Falls

school. We fell in love with the congregation and consider them our church family.

We would love to spotlight YOU! If you'd like to submit something for this new section, please contact Angie in the office!



### FELC Summer Reading Program

July 4th - August 8th

This six week summer reading program wraps up on Sunday, August 8th. Please bring your reading log to church to be entered into the prize drawing! Check out the last page of the newsletter for more information!!!!



Four Ice Cream Cones from The Drive In



Two Fawn-Doe-Rosa Admission Tickets



Annual Minnesota State Park Pass





What things do you want to see on our wish list?

**Short Term:**

1. Outside Sign Landscaping
2. Weeding - Front near building

**Long Term:**

1. Foundation Maintenance
2. Parking Lot Repair
3. Fellowship Hall Chairs
4. Paint the Outdoor Shed
5. Re-Build the Nativity Structure

We have had a few church members voice their desire for a Bible Study or Book Study group to begin. If you would be interested in joining, please call or email the church office; this will help us have a better idea of how many are interested! We do not have anything scheduled yet, but will keep you informed when dates have been set!



**FELC's Weekly  
Farmer's Market**

**Maple Syrup**  
Don's Sugar Shack  
**Farm Fresh Eggs**  
Becky Hulden

**St. Croix Falls, WI**

**Every Saturday  
May through October  
10:00am to 1:00pm**

**Lindstrom, MN**

**2021 Season Begins July 7  
Open July to October  
Wednesdays 3pm to 6pm  
Saturday 8am to 12pm**



*In loving memory of*  
**Lowell Nelson**

The Nelson family invites you to join them celebrating Lowell's life at a Memorial Service on  
**Saturday, August 21st**

10:00am Visitation  
11:00am Service  
Burial at Cemetery  
Lunch to follow

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**Sunday, August 22nd  
Fellowship Hour**

Join us in honoring  
**Dylan & Shayna  
Magnuson**  
as they prepare to  
welcome their first child!

**Come celebrate this joyous news with coffee & treats after worship!**

25  
years

### Did you know?

Together With Friends started in 1996 with the combined efforts of the Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran and Catholic churches in Taylor's Falls. The idea was give the Taylor's Falls elementary students, and other children of the community a safe place to learn and grow



**This year's crafts completed at FELC.**



**TwF Campers:  
Amelia & Vince**



**Last day of  
camp fun!**



**TwF Junior Staff: Levi**

### IRELAND BE GLAD



A component of Together with Friends has been a fundraiser for a Christian mission outreach usually in another country. This year we are raising money for Will and Sarah Miron who are from St. Croix Falls and are now in Ireland. Check out their website: <http://www.irelandbeglad.org/> for more information and to follow their blog.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Harmony in the Park

Wednesdays, starting at 6:30pm  
Concert starts at 7:00pm

Last concert, Aug. 4:  
Rockin' Hollywoods

### FREE FRIDAY CONCERTS 6:30 PM

2021 St Croix Falls  
Music On The  
Overlook Summer  
Concert Series

~ Spread out ~

~ Be Safe ~

~ Bring your own  
lawn chair ~

~ Enjoy The Music ~

**AUGUST**  
6 COUNTRY NIGHT WITH  
USA'S #1 JOHNNY CASH  
TRIBUTE SHOW  
13 THE GIT BACKS  
20 BLUEGRASS NIGHT W  
STRINGSMITHS BAND  
27 KIDS & FAMILY NITE  
28 FALLS' MUSIC FEST  
AT THE POLK COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS WITH  
CHRIS KROEZE BAND  
BEER, BBQ RIBS + MORE  
**BE SMART + SAFE**  
COVID-19 SAFETY  
**HAVE FUN**  
MUSICONTHEOVERLOOK.COM

## LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP 33RD ANNUAL SUMMER CELEBRATION AND AUCTION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 11:00 AM

11525 Luther Point Rd, Grantsburg, WI 54840



*Cranking up our engines and getting ready for our Annual Gathering to be held*

*August 13, 14 and 15, 2021*

GATE ADMISSION IS \$20 FOR ALL THREE DAYS OR \$10 PER DAY (MN SALES TAX INCLUDED).

The Almelund Threshing Show is Minnesota's premier outdoor event for classic tractors and old-time farming fans. Vintage equipment is not just on display but actually in use. There is a children playground with farm animal petting area on site. Largest flea market around – open rain or shine. Wear good walking shoes. Food and beverages are available on site. Free parking.

17760 ST. CROIX TRAIL, TAYLORS FALLS, MN 55084  
ON HIGHWAY 95 ABOUT HALF WAY BETWEEN NORTH BRANCH AND TAYLORS FALLS.

## Calling all Volunteers!



The lodge of Taylors Falls, Assisted Living is seeking volunteers to provide Bible Study or Worship Services to our residents.

If ministering to seniors is something you enjoy, please contact the Lodge of Taylors Falls at 651-240-0140.

## Ki-Chi-Saga Days Celebration

**2021 CELEBRATION: Thursday-Sunday, August 19-22**



The celebration is held in Moberg Park, but also includes other various locations throughout the city. Enjoy live entertainment, including music, magic shows, Swedish dancers, and jugglers. There's fun for everyone from cribbage, garage sales, fishing, craft fair featuring 100+ vendors, food & more! Fireworks highlight the event on Saturday evening. Grand Parade on Sunday at 2pm.



**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Church Council of First Evangelical**  
**Lutheran Church**  
**July 11 (Sunday), 2021, 10am at church**  
**Next meeting: September 12, 2021**

“To worship God as an intergenerational praying community, learning God’s Word, and building lasting relationships as we grow in God’s love and grace.”

**Members Present:** Wendy Szczepanski, Rose Anderson, Miriam Flysjo,  
Pastor Dwight Rudquist      **Members Absent:** Craig Loen, Becky Hulden

**A. Opening Devotions – Rose**

September - Miriam

**B. Sharing Story- Rose**

**C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight**

Pastor Dwight made in person and phone visits. He participated in and led the Bible story at Together with Friends. He also met with the reopening task force via Zoom.

Pastor Dwight met with Julie M to discuss Intergenerational Faith Formation. Pastor Dwight will organize a meeting for people interested in helping to determine what Intergenerational Faith formation will look like.

Pastor Dwight is looking into a weekly middle school Wednesday night youth gathering followed by a short confirmation class meeting twice a month.

**D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky**

No report received.

**E. Transition - Call committee interview with Pastor Dwight**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Wendy, seconded by Rose, that we pay Pastor Dwight one week of accrued paid time off for the week of July 19-25. Motion passed.

**F. Annual Meeting: August 8**

Pastor will work with Angie on an agenda for the meeting.

We are waiting for the financial report from Janelle.

**G. Possible social events - Ice Cream Sundae Sunday anyone?**

The ice cream social could be just for us or for the community. Maybe next year we could have it for Wannigan Days.

Book study at the Lodge-

When should we start the book study? Does the Synod have a list of books to suggest? We are looking for a book on current events that will encourage discussions.

**H. Leftover stuff in youth closet - what to do with stuff we don’t need or want**

The council looked at the stuff and decided it was worth keeping. There are a few items to dispose of.

**I. Motion to adjourn, second**

Miriam made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wendy.

## *Fellowship Resources at First*

- ✝ Nursery (rocking chair, changing table, busy bags)
- ✝ Youth room (games, books, music)
- ✝ Lending library
- ✝ Outdoor playground, sports lawn, yard games lawn, basketball hoop
- ✝ Prayer chain, visitation, mobility equipment loaners

## *Faith Resources at First*

- ✝ Weekly Worship
- ✝ Faith Stepping Stones
  - \* Baptism
  - \* First Communion
  - \* Confirmation
  - \* Ministry Leadership Training
  - \* Marriage
  - \* Parenting Resources
  - \* Care Ministry
- ✝ Summer Programs
  - \* Bible camp – Together with Friends, Luther Point
  - \* Summer Reading Program



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Ministry Coordinator,  
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**2020-2021**

### **Council/Officers:**

**Wendy Szczepanski**—President

**Craig Loen**—Vice President

**Becky Hulden**—Treasurer

**Miriam Flysjö** —Secretary

**Rose Anderson**

Financial Secretary

**Jerry Rhoads**

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 will be on September 12, 2021 at 10:15am.**

### *Mission Statement*

*The mission of FELC is to worship God as an intergenerational praying 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.