

AUGUST 2022

The Newsletter of
First Evangelical
Lutheran Church
561 Chestnut Street
Taylors Falls, MN
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship 9:00am

Online Worship
available every
Sunday, please
check out our
website:

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.

As I sit down to write this month's article, I'd like to share my gratitude for others, as I continue to realize the power each individual brings to this congregation and to their community.

First, I am personally grieving the upcoming departure of our beloved Ministry Coordinator Angie. You can see the announcement of her resignation also in this newsletter. It has been a joy and a privilege to work with Angie! She has been a dedicated, faithful, talented, generous, (and many more adjectives I could include), gift not only to me, but also to the congregation. As much as we will miss her presence and work, we hope and pray her new venture will suit her and her family well. Thanks Angie!! God bless!!

As I'm wiping tears from my computer keyboard I'm reminded of my daughter's wedding reception we celebrated in late June. I don't know exactly where all my emotions swelled up from, but for someone who likes to talk in front of people, when it was my turn to thank those who were gathered with us and toast the happy couple I couldn't say much before choking up. I won't even go into how I handled the father/daughter dance. Looking back, I think my emotions came from finally being able to just get together with a lot of people we hadn't really connected much with since COVID hit.

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This was plan #7 to gather and celebrate and for it to actually be happening, I lost it. It makes me think how important people and relationships are to our health and welfare. I'm pretty much an introvert and content in my own little world most of the time, but this experience reminds me of the toll this pandemic has taken on so many people and our need to make connections with others around us.

That idea of interconnectedness makes me think of the visits some of us are doing with members of First. If you recall, a note was sent out that 10 of us have been meeting to learn about visiting with many of you. Several have already had the opportunity to make some of those connections and have shared the joy of getting to know these people better. But some have also indicated that there was a little uncertainty from people who had been contacted, wondering what we are up to. What do we want? As the joke goes, the only time someone calls or contacts a member is to ask for something. Right? Well that's not the case here. We just want to visit, to hear your story and listen to what's important to you. So if you receive a call asking if someone can meet you for a visit, I hope you'll agree and enjoy the time spent with a fellow member. These visits aren't meant to assess where First is at or where you think we should be headed. But we do hope that from these visits the Spirit will guide us and give us clarity in "Doing A New Thing," to discover where God is leading us.

Finally, I'd like to thank Don Hansen and Bruce Carlsted for all the time and work they gave to complete the concrete project on the north side of the building. Thanks guys!! Also, thanks to all who have been helping with flowers, mulch, and keeping the grounds looking nice! I don't know all the names and don't want to leave anyone out, but you know who you are. Thanks!!

As hopefully you can tell, I'm feeling especially grateful for all the people God has put into my path and who make life meaningful and more beautiful. Thanks again to Angie, family, friends, and the many hands of Christ we call The Church.

Pastor Dwight Rudquist

New Members **Welcome!**

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

SUNDAYWORSHIP

Worship every Sunday at 9:00am. Recorded services from Sunday morning worship are available on our website Sunday afternoons.

LIBRARYHOURS

Monday 8:30am-1:30pm
Tuesday 8:30am-12:30pm
Thursday 8:30am-11:30am
Sunday 8:00am-10:30am

COUNCILMEETING

Council will meet September 11, 2022 at 10:15am.

QUILTINGGROUP

First and third Thursday mornings at 9:30am.

BIBLESTUDY

Bible Study will take a break for the summer. Please watch for more information closer to fall.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/05 Dylan Lynch
08/09 Darlene Mueller
08/10 JonTae Hackmann
08/11 Riley Linngren
08/13 David Hackmann
08/16 Arne Lagus
08/19 Kathy Carlsted
08/19 Sue Nelson
08/20 Dan Curry
08/25 Jon Luschen
08/26 Mike Moberg
08/26 Julie Valez
08/30 Marcielle Rogers



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

MONTHLYGIVING 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

06/26 Giving:	\$1,492.00
07/03 Giving:	\$2,240.00
07/10 Giving:	\$1,815.00
07/17 Giving:	\$3,357.00
07/24 Giving:	\$1,746.00

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.



We've had new members join and would love to update our directory. If you would like to add your picture and information to the directory, please contact Angie in the church office. If your information has changed since our last directory

and would like to update your information, contact Angie. Email: parishc@tflutheran.org OR Phone: 651-465-5265

Journey with Joshua

FELC Junior Staff:
Lucy Tverberg &
Levi Linngren



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Arts
& Crafts



Walls of Jericho

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
~Proverbs 3:5,6





**FELC Campers:
Vince Tverberg &
Amelia Tverberg**



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**NEW
TWO DAY
EVENT**

*SUMMER CELEBRATION AND AUCTION
AUGUST 6 & 7, 2022*

Visit www.lutherpoint.org for more information!

what's happening

IN OUR COMMUNITY



St. Croix Falls Public
Library Plaza
Saturdays, May-October
10AM-1PM

We are looking forward to
another great season of
abundant fresh produce,
sustainably raised meats
and cheese, preserves,
honey, flowers, body care,
and more!



Parking Lot of St. Bridget's in
Lindstrom, MN

July 6th to October 22th
Wednesday 3 pm to 6 pm
Saturday 8 am to 12 pm

Local vendors offer seasonal
vegetables, flowers, home
canned goods, soap, eggs,
baked goods & more.

FRANCONIA
sculpture park

Franconia Art & Farmers Market
Sunday, August 7 | 10am-2pm

The first Sunday of each month, May-October from 10am-2pm,
local farmers and artists come together to provide a variety of fresh
produce and handmade crafts.

ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Gospel Concert

with Tim Lackas, Steve Pikal, and
Dave Schmalenberger

Thursday, August 4th @ 7:00 PM

St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church
13060 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom, MN 55045

Concert Admission is Free-Will Offering.



Jason Gray
FREE CONCERT
AUGUST 12TH - 6:00PM
SAINT CROIX FALLS, WI -- THE OVERLOOK



National Night Out
in Taylors Falls

Tuesday, August 16th

Watch for more info!



August 12th - 14th

The Almelund Threshing Show is Minnesota's premier outdoor agriculture related event for classic tractors and old-tyme 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. We have the largest flea market around – open rain or shine. Wear good walking shoes. Food and beverages are available on site. Free parking. Gate admission: \$10 per day OR \$20 for all three days.

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MUSIC ON THE OVERLOOK
 ST CROIX FALLS, WI'S #1 SUMMER SERIES
 FRIDAYS • 6 PM JUNE - AUGUST, 2022
 INFO: WWW.THSTCROIXVALLEY.COM

Harmony in the Park

2022 Summer Concert Series

Wednesday Nights at 6:30 pm
Lions Park Band Shell—(Next to City Hall)
All Concerts are FREE to the Public!

DATE	BAND (Starts at 7:00)	EVENT (Starts at 6:30)
Aug. 3	Rockin' Hollywoods <i>50s-80s Rock</i>	<i>Chisago Lakes Lions Corn Feed</i> <i>River City Cloggers</i>

8/5 BRAZIL JAZZ
ROBERT EVEREST

8/12 ACV PRESENTS:
JASON GRAY

BLUEGRASS
NIGHT 8/19
STRINGSMITHS

8/26 KIDS NIGHT

AUGUST 27 & 28
ROCKIN' RIBFEST
AT BIG ROCK CREEK

Music in the Vineyard

Fri	Aug	5	Adam Moe 6-9
Sat	Aug	6	Skippin Stones 12:30-3:30
			Rick & Kenny 4-7
Fri	Aug	12	Roberts Brothers 6-9
Sat	Aug	13	Jeff Brooks 12:30-3:30
			St.Croix Crossings 4-7
Fri	Aug	19	Ryan VanSlooten 6-9
Sat	Aug	20	Andy Tackett 12:30-3:30
			Jay Walter & The Rectifiers 4-7
Fri	Aug	26	Crimson Road 6-9
Sat	Aug	27	Scrapegoat 12:30-3:30
			Slippery Steve & Scary Gary 4-8



16906 Wild Mountain Rd
Taylors Falls



What's Happening in our Church



Sun, July 17th Children's Message
Church Member Joy Buchholtz &
Granddaughter Kate



**Sunday, August 28th
10:15am**



Sunday, August 21

Fellowship Hour

Join us to celebrate Angie
as she moves on to her
next adventure in life.



services. Both of these tasks are very easy - we'd LOVE for you to help with these! Talk with Angie for more info!

We are looking for volunteers to help run the sound board during worship services and to learn how to use the video camera to record

Basement Water



A part of the basement water mitigation project has been completed. This part included demolition and replacement of the north side concrete (Concrete Works Unlimited Inc) and the repair and replacement of foundation sandstone and mortar joints, and installation of downspout drains (Bruce Carlsted and Don Hansen). Caulking of concrete joints next to the church is yet to be completed (Don) because there is a shortage of this material and is backordered.

Mitigation Project



The next step in the process is to install the gutter guards and upsize the downspouts (Shafer Gutters Inc). We have already noticed a change during the last rain downpour as there was no water entering the kitchen area. Bruce also replaced leaky outside faucets. It was important that the new concrete slope away from the church so additional grading was necessary to drain rainfall and snowmelt runoff to the grassy area and north and eastward toward the street. The next step in the project is to slope the ground on the south side of the church away from the building. Bruce will be doing this work in late July/August.

Bruce Carlsted and Don Hansen





Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 24 (Sunday), 2022, 10:15am- 12:05pm

Next meeting: September 11, 2022

“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, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist. **Members**

Absent: none

A. Opening Devotions - Wendy

September - Becky

B. Sharing Story- Craig, Rose, Kathy

C. Pastor’s Report - Pastor Dwight

We are looking for another person to serve on the council since this is Rose’s last meeting.

National Night out August 16. Wendy will check into it to see if she will be able to attend.

Pastor Dwight will make a presentation about the Planting Hope fundraising campaign from the Synod. The goal is to raise money to support the next generation of leaders and help out East St. Paul congregations.

Motion: Wendy made a motion that the congregation be involved in the Planting Hope Campaign with the synod to raise a few thousand dollars in a one time ask in late August or early September. Seconded by Kathy. Motion carried.

D. Treasurer’s Report - Becky

In June our income was adequate for our budget.

In July we continue to cover our budget. For our fiscal year we are at 121% for income and 99.89% for expenses. We received a \$25,000 memorial gift in memory of Lowell Nelson which was put in a separate account which is designated for outreach.

We have spent \$4000 for property projects.

E. Ministry Coordinator position

The council reviewed the Ministry coordinator job description. The job will be posted on the synod website and put in our newsletter. It may be difficult to find someone who is willing to attend the service and post it on the website every week.

Motion: Kathy made a motion to offer a starting salary of \$20 an hour for the ministry coordinator position. Second Miriam. Motion carried

Wendy will ask Don to join Craig, Pastor Dwight and herself on the interview committee. The committee will decide how to advertise the position.

There will be a Celebration to Recognize Angie's work on Aug. 21. Rose and Kathy will plan the celebration.

F. Choir Director position- should we resume choir this fall?

After discussion the council decided on the Choir Director job description.

Wendy will contact Michelle to see if she is interested in the choir director position starting in the fall. If Michelle is interested, Wendy will send her a copy of the job description. The council decided to keep the budgeted salary the same.

We may not be able to have choir in the fall if the Coronavirus threat increases.

If there is no choir we may have a few small groups perform special music during the holidays.

G. Budget

Motion: Becky motioned to approve proposed budget with changes discussed and bring it to annual meeting on Aug 28. Second Rose. Motion carried.

H. Outdoor projects – South side, gutters

Bruce and Don plan to install a membrane along the foundation and slope the land on the east and south side of the sanctuary away from the building. Pastor Dwight and Joe S. have offered to help.

The landscaping committee will talk to Don about the project and ask when the gutters will be installed.

I. Worship participation- should we have a Time and Talent sheet for our congregation?

The council discussed the need for a Time and Talent sheet so we have an idea of what people are willing to do to help out at church. We will have Angie make up a volunteer list through September to give us time to find volunteers. We can distribute the Time and Talent sheet on Sundays in August and at the annual meeting. We will also list in the bulletin who has volunteered for the following Sunday.

I. Motion to adjourn, second

Motion to adjourn by Craig, second by Becky.

Upcoming events: Annual meeting August 28

Faithfully submitted Miriam Flysjo, council secretary

To the best congregation....

Many of you have already heard the news, but we will be hiring a new Ministry Coordinator soon. I have put in my six week notice and will be starting a new chapter working full time from home as a Medical Coder.

My job here has been amazing. I have enjoyed coming in each day, tackling my duties with the best attitude I can bring and visiting with church members that stop in. I have very much enjoyed working with Pr. Dwight and it will be very difficult to find someone with such a good heart and positive outlook on each day to work with - he often comes into the building whistling, how can you not smile when you hear someone with such a bright attitude!!? I LOVED being able to be a part of filming our worship services during the covid pandemic. I felt very blessed that I got a front row seat each week...hearing the worship service, the hymns, and seeing the happy faces coming in to read each week - it was an amazing experience!

This was not an easy decision to make. After my role as the Online Worship Coordinator came to an end and my hours returned to pre-covid hours, it became clear that the income I had gained during that time was essential for our home. This was the leading factor in our decision.

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How Lucky I am
to have something
that makes saying
Goodbye
so hard.
Winnie the Pooh

As your Ministry Coordinator, I want to say thank you. My time at this desk has been anything short of incredible. I will miss my job immensely ~ the work I have been able to do each week, the amazing people I have been able to work with, and especially all of you that stop in the office each week!

Love and Blessings,
Angie



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2021-2022

Council/Officers:

Wendy Szczepanski—President

Craig Loen—Vice President

Becky Hulden—Treasurer

Miriam Flysjo —Secretary

Rose Anderson

Kathy Carlsted

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 11, 2022 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.



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