



First Things

July 2020
The Newsletter of
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
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PASTOR'S *thoughts...*

My intent for this article is more informational than inspirational. I want to share a little about “Where We’re At” regarding a few areas of our life together as a congregation.

Interim Pastor/New Pastor/Future of FELC

Prior to being slowed down by the COVID-19 pandemic, a few members of the church council and I had shared a few meetings with other congregations in a similar position we are in. They, like us, have experienced a slow but gradual decline in membership and giving which has resulted in the inability to sustain paying for pastoral leadership. The model of “Shared Ministry” is one that helps congregations to work together to share portions of their ministries while still maintaining their own facilities and self identity. Similar informal conversations have been shared between us and some of the MiChiLu (Minnesota, Chisago County, Lutherans) congregations about this as well. Unfortunately most of those connections have been stalled as we are all overwhelmed with how to maintain given the circumstances we are presently facing with COVID-19. I, along with the church council, want you to be well informed about where we’re at and hope that you are okay with the progress up to this point.

With all that said, I want to reassure you that I am in a position to walk with you through this process for however long it takes. My contract with you has been extended and expanded to help guide you through this time of transition. The day will come when these talks can resume and hopefully a fruitful partnership will blossom which will provide for a new opportunity for FELC to move forward into an exciting future. As we eventually are allowed to move forward, I would encourage you to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit in this process. Pray, and maybe most importantly listen, for the Spirit’s guidance and be willing to step out in faith. Thanks for your patience!

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Reopening Task Group

I have put together a task group to help me work through a plan for preparing to safely reopen our building and worship together in person. The members of that task group are: Becky Hulden, Rita Johnson, Arne Lagus, Angie Linngren, Leo Nelson, Wendy Szczepanski, and me. We have drafted a tentative plan which will be attached as part of this newsletter. Keep in mind that our primary objective is to protect the members and guests of FELC while still providing for the needs of the congregation. Please keep this group's work in your prayers as well.



The challenging part of our work right now is that other churches around us are choosing to reopen as are many other businesses and recreational areas. However, the evidence we as the task group are receiving from the CDC, the ELCA and Synod, and other local churches, just doesn't warrant us doing the same. With that, what I wrote last month still

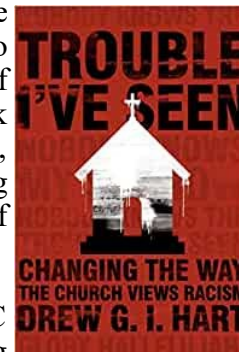
holds true. Worship would be greatly limited, a lot of procedures would need to be enforced, and what I sense is your greatest need, that of socializing with one another, would not be allowed within the building. At this point we all agree it's just not worth it, both on a risk scale and on balance with benefits it will provide. Again, please be patient! We have your best interests at heart.

Just a quick note about worship at present that fit here. On July 5th we will incorporate Holy Communion into the online worship services. We have ordered individually wrapped wafer and grape juice containers that you can use or you can provide your own bread and wine (crackers and juice could also work) in order to participate in that portion of the service. To obtain these containers of bread and juice, either stop at the church office (maybe call to make sure Angie is there or when she will be) or if you are not able to come in, call and we'll make sure these are distributed to you.

Also, we have started a conversation about hosting a drive-up service. We're still in that discussion and will keep you up-to-date if and when such a service might be held. I know from one perspective it sounds pretty easy and straight forward. But from another angle it's much more complicated and the benefits don't seem to outweigh the desire for such a service. We'll keep you posted.

Racial Realities

I feel a deep need to address the racism that persists in me and in our culture. For too long our white dominated and racialized society has turned away from and ignored the outcries of people of color. It is time for our church and country to admit to and seek to understand the realities of racism. We must, as Drew Hart says in his book Trouble I've Seen, "do a better job of thinking, analyzing, discussing, and ultimately transforming our lives into antiracist and antihierarchical ways of life that conform to the way of Jesus."



Hart's book was suggested by members of FELC who participated in a book study that I'm assuming others of you also were a part of. Lisa and I are reading and discussing it together, but we're only about a third of the way through it, but it has been helpful in opening us to see how easy it has been in our lives to simply push this issue aside and pretend it doesn't exist. But it does; racism is a reality for all of us. I have also appreciated watching and listening to the YouTube videos by Emmanuel Acho, **Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man**. I would highly recommend viewing these (there are three out that I know of at this time) and wrestling with what he has to say. We have other friends and family who have been motivated to have similar conversations. My hope is that life will substantially change for the better as we openly and honestly confront the prevailing racism that permeates our society. I don't know how it will happen or even how to enter into the dialog, but may God not let us ever again be satisfied with the way things are or have been.

Overall

I hope these thoughts have been helpful. Please stay safe and protect not only yourself, but your neighbors as well. I look forward to seeing you again, whenever that may be.

Blessings and Peace!
Pastor Dwight

New Members **Welcome!**

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

SUNDAYWORSHIP

For online worship, please check out our website: www.tflutheran.org or our YouTube Channel: First Evangelical Lutheran Church of TF.

LIBRARYHOURS

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

OFFICE HOURS@FELC

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

COUNCILMEETING

Council will meet on **Saturday, July 18th via Zoom.**

SARAHCIRCLE

Sarah Circle will not be meeting until further notice.

QUILTERS



Quilters will not be meeting in the month of June.

Prayer Concerns



If you have a prayer concern and would like us to know, please email the office: parishc@tflutheran.org or call the office: 651-465-5265. Please specify if you'd like it to be only for Pastor Dwight, if you'd like your name added to the weekly bulletin's prayer list and/or sent out to the prayer chain.

Ways to Give to Our Church

~ General Fund ~ Steeple Fund
~ Samaritan Fund ~

There are more to choose from online!



Mail your donation to:

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
561 Chestnut Street
Taylors Falls, MN 55084

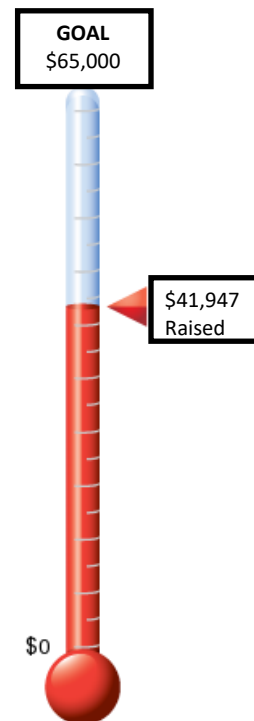


You can donate online! You can do a one time donation or set up regular auto payments and designate where you'd like your money to go.

Visit our website and click on the blue DONATE button.
www.tflutheran.org

Thank you for your continued support!

Steeple Fundraising



Pie To Go

Sunday, July 19th

3pm—4:30pm



Free Will Donation towards to the Steeple Fund
~ Pie by the Slice or Entire Pie ~

Invite friends, family and neighbors!!!

Bakers are needed to bake pies to donate towards the steeple fundraiser!!! Please call the office at 651-465-5265 to let Angie know if you will be bringing a pie or two ~ this will help us to know how many pies we will have!

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

05/31 Giving:	\$1,100.00
06/07 Giving:	\$2,210.00
06/14 Giving:	\$3,220.00
06/21 Giving:	\$1,525.00

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.

JULYBIRTHDAYS

Rachael Carlson	07/02
Jesse Loen	07/06
Jason Linngren	07/07
Deb Rhoads	07/10
Renee Alexander	07/11
Ryan Rogers	07/12
Cynthia Holmberg	07/16
Janet Shepardson	07/26
Joseph Alexander	07/27
Dustin Valez	07/28
Joe Mattson	07/29
Angie Linngren	07/30

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



First Lutheran Youth

YOUTH, GRADES 6-12 WELCOME!

CONNECT

to a Christian Community;

INVITE

into the life and love of God;

EQUIP

*to make God-honoring choices in their
lives and to put their faith into practice.*



Wednesday Evenings

7:00pm—8:00pm

Through July 29th



A Message from Luther Point Bible Camp:

Over the past couple of months the Luther Point Bible Camp Board of Directors has been struggling with the question if we can hold summer camp safely this year due to COVID-19. After much discussion, prayer and a couple tears, the decision was made to suspend all of our onsite programming for summer 2020. During the discussion we kept coming back to the thought that "one is too many." One person contracting the virus at camp is too many. One person bringing the virus to camp is too many.

We are committed to the health and safety of our campers, staff, community and world. We feel it is safest and most responsible to suspend our programming to give the world time to heal.

We believe in a powerful God, one more powerful than the coronavirus. We also believe this God has given us the task to love and care for one another. We are living into that calling every day.

An email will be going out to all of our campers currently signed up with information about the cancellation. Please watch for that email and if you have any questions please contact the camp office.

Sincerely,

Luther Point Bible Camp Staff and Board of Directors

Dear colleagues, friends, and congregational members of First Lutheran Church,

It is with great sadness and sorrow that as of July 31st the council has made the very difficult decision to eliminate my position as your Youth Minister and furlough the Choir Director position due to the ongoing difficulties we find our world in during this pandemic. The Youth Minister salary just cannot be sustained and this is the right thing to do in order for our church to continue operating. When it is deemed safe to reconvene for worship and safely sing in a choir I will resume my position as your director if other opportunities have not changed my line of work to support myself and my family. My 16 years here have been an absolute joy. I have made lifelong friends and you have been there for me and my family through very, very difficult times. If I didn't have this particular church family I don't know where I'd be. I will remember all 11 mission trips we took and the experiences gained; winter retreats to Luther Point with 100 White Flags and Swen & Dean; lock ins; 30 Hour Famine; harvest festivals; cantatas; directing ecumenical services; singing in the Lighting Festival Parade; Palm Sunday Breakfasts; Collecting endless gallons of sap/washing endless sap buckets! There is so much more.....I could go on and on. But MOST of all I will greatly miss the daily interactions with all the youth, my choir members, and dear friends. I love you all so very much and hold you dearly in my heart. My experiences here at First Lutheran have shaped and strengthened me in profound ways. You will still see me around because this is my church! I just won't be able to perform the duties I held as your Youth Minister and Choir Director.

Thank you for all you have done for me and my family,

In Christ's Love,
Michelle Lynch



Hooked On Jesus

24th ANNUAL

2020

"Hooked on Jesus" will be presented this summer in six virtual Bible Camp days available to you on the Together With Friends Facebook page and our YouTube channel.

What will camp be like this year?

Bible stories, singing, crafts, Bible verses and familiar faces...just done virtually.

Camp is intended for children entering grades 2-6 in the fall of 2020.

Cost: FREE

Virtual Camp Dates:

Tuesday, July 7th

Thursday, July 9th

Tuesday, July 14th

Thursday, July 16th

Tuesday, July 21st

Thursday, July 23rd

Don't miss any videos!

 LIKE our Facebook Page: Together With Friends Day Camp

 SUBSCRIBE (and turn on notifications) to our YouTube channel:
Together With Friends Bible Day Camp

We would love to hear from you as you view the camp videos. Please email Twf2020digital@gmail.com or sending the campers information to: TWF, PO Box 255, Taylors Falls, MN 55084

For more information, please call ANY of the participating church:

Questions? Call Pastor Kevin at 651-465-6792

You are invited to any of the participating church's worship services.

Please see their websites listed below:

First Baptist Church:

Contact Number: 651-465-6792

www.firstbaptisttaylorsfalls.com

First Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Contact Number: 651-465-5265

www.tf.lutheran.org

United Methodist Church:

Contact Number: 651-465-6635

www.taylorsfallsumc.com

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. They would like to purchase some study books for every book of the Bible to aid in their teaching mission (each book is about \$3). Check out their website: <http://www.irelandbeglad.org/> for more information and to follow their blog.

IRELAND BE GLAD

"Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!" Psalm 67:4-5



Meet Will and Sarah Miron and their three children, Aidan, Norah and Lucy. Married in 2009 after dating in high school, they both attended the University of Northwestern in St. Paul. They were called to live out God's mission in Ireland and started a blog to keep their friends, family and partners updated as they prepare for and live in Ireland. The title of the blog comes from Psalm 67, where we see God's mission and heart to see the nations be glad! God desires all peoples and all nations to be full of the kind of joy and life found only in the gospel.

Want to donate? We have a jar set up in the church office or you may mail your donation to the church: FELC, 561 Chestnut Street, Taylors Falls, MN 55084 (make check out to FELC and designate TWF)



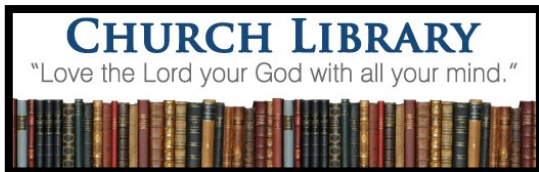
JOE MATTSON IS TURNING 80!!

Join in a drive-by parade!

Sunday, August 2, 2020
Any time between 2pm—3pm

Rain or shine

34122 Unity Ave, Taylors Falls, MN 55084
Joe will watch the parade from the driveway
If unable to attend, birthday cards are most welcome!



Library Hours:

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

Did you know that we have three great books available to look at while visiting the library? We have Annie Lindgren's life story, Irving Olson's life story and Pr. Palmquist's life story!!!

We have added a tab onto our website under the Ministries tab. This has our collection of online book videos! If you are interested in adding to that collection, we'd love to have your pick out a book and record it to share with others! Call Angie in the office to set up a time and date that works for you!

HOLY July 5th & July 19th



We would like to add communion to the July 5 and July 19 online worship services. We have purchased individually prepackaged communion cups and wafers.

COMMUNION The individual cups have a small amount of juice sealed in the cup and a wafer also in the package. If you'd like to use your own bread and wine or juice, you can also choose that option.

People could come to church to pick up the individual servings or someone could deliver it to the people who can't pick it up. These will be available the week of June 29th. If you are interested in the prepackaged cup and wafer sets, please call the church office or stop in during open office hours.

First's Reopening Plan

Dear friends,

First's Reopening Task Group has drafted a tentative plan to reopen our building and to prepare for when we can meet, talk and worship together again face-to-face. We are looking forward to the day when we are able to worship together again! We know that the church is built on relationships, centered on the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

At the same time, it is imperative that First has a plan to safely reopen, and to protect the safety of God's people.

The congregational council reached consensus on this plan. This plan has five stages. The criteria used to develop this plan include:

- Fulfilling the mission to which God has called us which is to gather all people into a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ and to share fully in God's life, love, and work together.
- The safety and well-being of our congregation and community.
- The desire of our congregation to be "together" again.
- The stability and sustainability of the congregation



Data used in developing this reopening plan has come from the Governor's office, the Minnesota Department of Health, the CDC, the synod office and the ELCA, as well as best practices from other large ELCA congregations.

Except for stage 1, we do not yet have specific dates or even triggers for each stage. The timing for shifts from stage to stage will be informed by limitations and dates set by the Governor, the State Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control. So this plan is subject to change.

We also recognize that stepping in to these stages might be a "back and forth" process. Depending on recommendations, we may need to move backwards before moving forward again.

Stage 1

Effective June 1, 2020, the First office will reopen.

- The Ministry Coordinator will work out of the main office
- Other staff will be in the building only as needed
- Volunteers for food ministry in and out as needed
- Otherwise, building still closed and unused areas that have been sanitized will remain sealed off
- Worship will continue being recorded
- Members of our community are encouraged to continue personal preparedness, by washing hands, avoiding touching our faces, etc...
- Physically vulnerable individuals are strongly encouraged to stay home
- Staff will be expected to wear masks when interacting with others in close proximity
- The Reopening Task Group will set expectations and a process for moving to Stage 2
- The Reopening Task Group will continue to consult with local medical experts as we move forward, and the staff will make the decision when to move to stage 2



FELC Office Hours:

Monday 8:30am to 1:30pm

Tuesday 8:30am to 12:30pm

Thursday 8:30am to 11:30am

- All doors are currently locked except the parking lot entrance.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the usher stand.
- All surfaces are washed daily.

Stage 2

- First's building will reopen on a limited basis.
- While staff may continue working from home, they are also welcome to work in their office space.
- Members of our community are encouraged to continue personal preparedness, by washing hands, avoiding touching our faces, etc...
- Physically vulnerable individuals are strongly encouraged to stay home.
- Staff will be expected to wear masks when interacting with others in close proximity (as per the Dept. of Health recommendations).
- First's office and any areas that are used to record services will be sanitized after use.
- First's Reopening Task Group will set expectations for Stage 3.
- We will continue to consult with local medical experts as we move forward.
- First's congregational council will make the decision when to move to stage 3.

Stage 3

- Face-to face worship resumes (within the limitations of group size & social distancing set by the Governor).
- We will possibly split worship into 2 times for social distancing.
- If you are not feeling well or have a temperature please remain at home.
- All participants will be asked to wear a facial covering which includes the nose and mouth. If you do not have one with you there will be some available at the church door.
- We ask that your facial covering remains on throughout the church service.
- We ask you to use the hand sanitizer stations that will be provided at the outer and inner entry door to the church. Ushers will assist you to locate it.
- We will enter only through the west door entry off the parking lot.
- When entering, please maintain a safe 6-ft distance.

- Ushers will ask and advise those entering church to maintain a safe 6-ft distance and will advise all to enter and go directly to a seat location that is a safe distance from other church attendees.
- The pews that will be in use will be clearly indicated.
- It is advised you allow for an empty pew/s between each set of attendees, as indicated by the pews to be in use. Two persons per pew can be safely seated at each end of each pew in use. Do not be offended if you are asked to relocate.
- Hymnals and Bibles will be removed from Sanctuary. Instead, we will print all necessary materials on paper for one-time usage.
- The pew cushions will not be used. If you feel the wooden pew is uncomfortable, please bring your own cushion and then take it home with you.
- Congregational singing would depend on current recommendations from MN Dept. of Health.
- We will receive our offering in plates set by the doors, to avoid passing the plates.
- Communion is served using strict safety protocols.
- No fellowship will occur post the end of the service. Ushers will assist the congregation to leave in a safe manner. You are asked to leave the building and not to congregate outside the building.
- Children are welcome to worship with their families.
- Those who are physically vulnerable to the virus are asked to continue staying at home and worship will be recorded and provided online.
- These services will be recorded (possibly live streamed) and made available as soon as possible for those unable to attend.
- Members of our community are encouraged to continue personal preparedness, by washing hands, avoiding touching our faces, etc...
- Staff will be expected to wear masks when interacting with others in close proximity (as per the Dept. of Health recommendations).
- Other large events in the building may resume (within the limitations of group size & social distancing set by the Governor).
- Food service for these events will not be available yet.
- Weddings and funerals can resume (within the limitations of group size & social distancing set by the Governor).
- The Reopening Task Group will set expectations and process for Stage 4.
- We will continue to consult with local medical experts as we move forward.
- First congregational council will make the decision when to move to stage 4.

First's Reopening Plan

Stage 4

- Large events that include food service may resume
- Sunday morning fellowship may resume
- The Reopening Task Group will set expectations and process for Stage 5
- We will continue to consult with local medical experts as we move forward
- We will continue to seek input from other community organizations (Chisago Lakes School District, other congregations, etc...)
- First congregational council will make the decision when to move to stage 5

Stage 5

First's programming will resume as normal

We are excited to see everyone again. In the midst of this planning, however, we need to acknowledge that the world has changed, and that even when we are past this health crisis, our ministry will have moved into a new stage. And while this creates some uncertainty, and maybe even anxiety, we remain firm in our belief that “nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Not life, nor death, nor angels, nor rulers...” nor Covid-19, nor quarantine... “nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39)

We don't anticipate simply moving back to “what it was,” rather we look forward to a new and stronger future.

Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your commitment to the wellbeing of others in the community, and thank you for being the church, wherever you are.



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 13, 2020 3:00-4:40 via Zoom

“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.”

Next Meeting: July 18, 3:00 via Zoom

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

A. Opening Devotions - Rose Next time - Miriam

B. Sharing story - Miriam, Rose

C. Pastor’s report - Pastor Dwight

Pastor Rudquist continues to be involved in the weekly taping of the Sunday service. He has made calls to members and attended several virtual meetings: church council, MiChiLu, Reopening task force and synod meetings.

A task force charged with making a plan to Reopen the Church has been organized. They will be deciding what our next phase will look like. Task force members are: Becky Hulden, Leo Nelson, Rita Johnson, Arne Lagus, Angie Linngren, Wendy Szczepanski and Pastor Dwight. The task force wants to be cautious about reopening. Their next virtual meeting is Thursday, June 18. The task force will also look into how to have the annual meeting if we are not meeting in person by August 9.

Pastor Dwight has been meeting virtually with MiChiLu clergy every week. Chisago Lakes has set a tentative reopen date of Sept 13. Some churches are getting pushed to reopen; most are satisfied with the status quo and proceeding cautiously.

Pastor Dwight also prepared Bible studies for Together with Friends. Sunday, June 14 is the first Zoom coffee hour.

Part of the new contract the congregation made with Pastor Dwight is to look beyond the present situation to the next pastor and shared ministry. Pastor Dwight commented on how difficult it is to make plans for the future when Covid 19 makes it so difficult to meet with people. Virtual meetings are not the same as meeting in person. He does not sense there is a rush to survey the congregation about calling another pastor. The council assured him that we are happy with the present situation and appreciate what a good job he is doing in this difficult time.

Pastor Dwight agreed to write a short statement with a list of priorities so the congregation will better understand where we are in the call process. We may not be able to start to work on moving forward in the call process in the short term.

D. Treasurer’s Report - Becky

May was a 5 week month. We took in about the same amount as April. Pledged offering and direct deposit are pretty steady. Becky will consult Janelle and Joe to put together a budget for next year. We are somewhat short of our budget.

Steeple repair fund has \$38,000. We need to raise an additional \$24,000 to pay the repair bill.

Program expenses went up. Becky will have Angie look at what expenses went up so we can plan for next year.

E. Garbage Service -

In order to reduce our bill, SRC has been contacted to change our service from 2 trash bins and 2 recycling bins to 1 trash bin and 1 recycling bin per week. The current charge is \$80.14/month and will drop to \$39.67/month.

F. Steeple Update - Wendy

A contract with Central Roofing was signed on June 2, 2020. The property committee is working on how lighting the steeple will be achieved. Labor costs for mounting and running electricity to the lights will be the biggest expense to get the steeple lit.

G. Steeple Fundraiser Ideas -

Some ideas that have been suggested:

1. Giving the old green hymnals (no longer in use) to people who donate.
2. Giving steeple bookmarks that tell the history of the steeple.
3. Getting those who helped out with Maple Sapping to use their Maple Bucks on the Steeple.
4. Drive through summer dinner: Brats or pulled pork. Pack the dinner in a bag and bring them to the cars as they pull up.
5. Drive through Pie social. Get a piece or a whole pie when you donate.

After discussion the council decided to start with the pie social on Sunday, July 19 from 3:00-4:30. Wendy agreed to head it up. Pies will be baked in disposable pie tins. People can get a whole pie or a piece of pie in a container. We need people to volunteer to make pies. Right now we think we will let people make whatever kind of pie they want to make.

H. Plans for Youth and Education this fall

Pastor Dwight will talk with Michelle and Angie about youth and confirmation. Trinity and Chisago are open to sharing youth ministry, but no one knows what that will look like. Pastor Dwight needs to talk with them more to figure out how it will work.

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There are a couple more people interested in joining the confirmation class. Pastor Dwight might set up a Zoom meeting to get the class going again.

The council would like to see Intergenerational Sunday School resumed when we are able to meet in person again.

The council would like to have a goodbye party for Michelle Lynch since the Youth ministry position has been terminated as of July 31 and she is furloughed from the choir position due to Covid 19. She will be able to resume the duties as choir director when it is safe to do so. Becky will set up a Zoom party for the week of July 31. People are invited to send cards to her.

I. Ideas for summer worship

We would like to do a Drive in worship in the parking lot. Our sound system will work outside, but perhaps we can get a radio transmitter to add to the sound system so people tune into a radio station to hear the service. We could bring around communion to each car. We would encourage people to stay in their cars. The council decided to have the task force look into it so we stick to the guidelines for a safe meeting.

We would like to add communion to the July 5 and July 19 services. The council is looking into buying individually prepackaged communion cups and wafers. The individual cups have a small amount of juice sealed in the cup and a wafer also in the package. People could come to church to pick up the individual servings or someone could deliver it to the people who can't pick it up. Another suggestion is people could provide their own wine or juice and bread to eat during the communion part of the service.

J. Ideas for contacting all of our members

After discussing a few different options it was decided that Pastor Dwight will talk to Angie and see if there is a way to do the phone tree that incorporates the prayer partners. Pastor Dwight will do some of the phone calls. We might have few questions to ask: How are you doing? Are you getting groceries? Are you able to participate in the online worship service? If not, how could we help you get it? Do you have any questions about what's going on at church?

K. Motion to adjourn, second

Rose moves to adjourn, Becky seconded.

ANNUAL MEETING - tentative date is August 9.

Church Office
651-465-5265
www.tflutheran.org



Pastor Dwight Rudquist

c: 651-829-4884
pastorrudquist@gmail.com

Michelle Lynch

Youth Minister/Choir Director
c: 715-220-2782
felcyouthminister@gmail.com

Angie Linngren

Ministry Coordinator,
parishc@tflutheran.org

2019-2020

Council/Officers:

Wendy Szczepanski—President

Craig Loen—Vice President

Becky Hulden—Treasurer

Miriam Flysjo —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 July 18th via Zoom.

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

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Articles due the 10th of each month.