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First Evangelical  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

561 Chestnut Street, Taylors Falls, MN 55084-1110



## JULY 2022

The Newsletter of  
First Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
561 Chestnut Street  
Taylors Falls, MN  
55084-1110  
651-465-5265  
[www.tflutheran.org](http://www.tflutheran.org)

### **SUNDAY**WORSHIP

Worship 9:00am

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.



*You have made us for yourself, O Lord,  
and our heart is restless until it  
rests in you* ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

That passage from Augustine has for some reason stuck with me. I connect it to the second creation story where God breathes life into that lifeless clod of dirt, “adanah” or ground in Hebrew. It reminds me of that passage because even when we don’t realize it or comprehend it, we are deeply connected to God, or better God is deeply connected to us. God continues to breathe life into us, recreating us in God’s image. Yet, I’m curious, are our hearts all that restless for God?

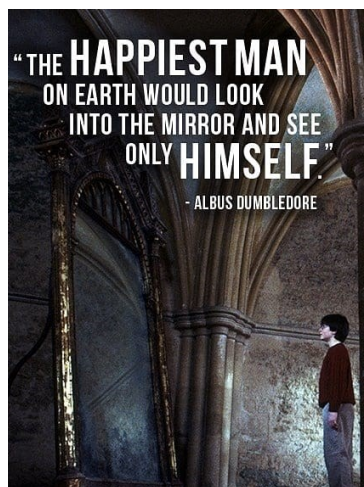
That question whisks me to a scene in the first Harry Potter book/movie. Harry, a first year student at Hogwarts School of Wizardry, stumbles upon a mysterious mirror located in the inner recesses of the castle. The words etched on the mirror are “Erised stra ehru oyt ube cafru oyt on wohsi” which when reversed says, “I show not your face but your heart’s desire.” Dumbledore, the headmaster of Hogwarts, explains that the Mirror of Erised (Desire) shows “nothing more or less than the deepest and most desperate desire of our hearts.” Again, I wonder, if each of us looked in the Mirror of Erised what would be revealed?

These thoughts have been brewing in my head for some time. What is it you come to worship on Sunday morning to hear? What do you want to

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hear? What do you need to hear? What would the mirror reveal to us? These questions are much broader than just what you want to hear on Sunday mornings, isn't it? More revealing is what our desires are every day of the week. Are our hearts restless for God? Let's be honest, probably not.

Part of the problem, as well as the good news for me, is that, that's okay. I am convicted by the reality that my heart doesn't seek God all the time which leads me directly into the outstretched arms of Jesus. I cannot, you cannot, seek God as God would choose us to. But God still breathes life into us, making us new through the wonder of the cross and the open tomb. Here's what we need to hear and imagine, that when God sees our reflection in the mirror – when we are viewed fully, the reflection God sees is not ourselves, but Jesus. God has made God's self our hearts desire!



To drive home that point, one pastor put a huge mirror in the front of his worship space so that when worshippers came up for Holy Communion they would catch a glimpse of themselves being handed the bread, the body of Christ. That fits so well with what Professor Dumbledore shared with Harry about the Mirror of Erised, "The happiest person on earth would look into the mirror and see only themselves, exactly how they are." We might think of it as seeing ourselves exactly as God created us.

Still, I'm interested in what we seek, what we desire. God does want our hearts to be restless in a way that it draws us to rest in God's love for us in Christ. How we find balance between wants and needs – it seems like an endless struggle. Yet, I'm convinced the more we come before the mirror and see what God sees, that struggle is much clearer, maybe not easier, but clearer.

Pastor Dwight Rudquist

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

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

## **SUNDAY**WORSHIP

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

## **LIBRARY**HOURS

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

## **COUNCIL**MEETING

Council will meet July 10, 2022 at 10:15am.

## **QUILTING**GROUP

First and third Thursday mornings at 9:30am.

## **BIBLE**STUDY

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



## **JULY** BIRTHDAYS

07/06 Jesse Loen  
07/07 Jason Linngren  
07/10 Deb Rhoads  
07/12 Ryan Rogers  
07/16 Cynthia Holmberg  
07/26 Janet Shepardson  
07/28 Dustin Valez  
07/29 Buddy Mattson  
07/30 Angie Linngren



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

## **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

05/22 Giving:	\$0,939.00
05/29 Giving:	\$1,450.00
06/05 Giving:	\$2,812.00
06/12 Giving:	\$2,444.02
06/19 Giving:	\$3,080.00

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.





## *What's Happening in our Church*

Congratulations to  
High School graduate,  
Ryan Bjorklund!!



Dylan Lynch graduated  
with a Master's Degree  
and starts his new job as  
an Athletic Trainer with  
the Madison Scouts.

**Congratulations!**



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](mailto:parishc@tflutheran.org) OR Phone: 651-465-5265

## First Lutheran Projects



Carol Nelson and Becky Hulden  
worked on the front gardens,  
planting beautiful flowers!



A new sign has been hung on the  
corner of Chestnut and Hwy 8 !!



The outdoor project has  
started by removing the  
sidewalk.





## Luther Point Bible Camp Summer 2022 Created Good!

"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving" ~1Timothy 4:4

Registration is open and we are ready for you to join us for our best summer yet at Luther Point Bible Camp! First Evangelical Lutheran Church is a member of Luther Point which means YOU get a discount!

### Member Church Discounts

Full Week Camps: \$55 off, Half Week Camps: \$22.50 off

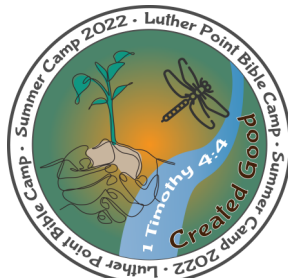
Overnight Camps: \$13.75 off

There are a variety of camps that are offered at Luther Point:

1st & 2nd Grade Day at Camp | 3rd - 4th Grade Camp | 4th - 6th Grade Camp

Jr. High Camp | Jr/Sr High Night Life | Fish Camp | Horse Camp | Arts Camp Family Camp | Grandparent/Grandchild Camp

Visit [www.lutherpoint.org](http://www.lutherpoint.org) for more information and to register! There are brochures available at the church.



### Luther Point Family Cabins

The Pine Cove Family Cabins are nestled down along Akermark Bay of Big Wood Lake and are an excellent place for you, your family, and your friends to get away and renew and reconnect. Each of these cabins have been newly remodeled and

are fully winterized for year-round use. Each cabin has a small kitchen where you can cook your own meals. We are also happy to provide meals (15 person minimum) for you. The 5 cabins situated along Akermark Bay share two docks (one located by Jerusalem and one by Zion) and a couple of charcoal grills. Finally, each cabin has a fire ring for use. Cost: \$80 - \$85. Visit their website: [www.lutherpoint.org](http://www.lutherpoint.org) for more information.

**26th ANNUAL 2022**

## Journey with Joshua



### When & Where?

Tuesday & Thursday mornings  
9:00 a.m. - Noon — June 16 to July 21

Thursday 6/16	Baptist Church
Tuesday 6/21	Lutheran Church
Thursday 6/23	Lutheran Church
Tuesday 6/28	Lutheran Church
Thursday 6/30	Lutheran Church
Tuesday 7/05	Methodist Church
Thursday 7/07	Methodist Church
Sunday 7/10	Salad Supper at Baptist Church. Program, 4:30pm followed by supper (approx. 5pm)
Tuesday 7/12	Methodist Church
Thursday 7/14	Methodist Church
Tuesday 7/19	Baptist Church
Thursday 7/21	Baptist Church

### Who can be a TF Day Camper?

Any child entering grades 2-6 in the fall of 2022

### What happens at TF Day Camp?

Games, crafts, singing, Bible Stories, snacks, outdoor activities, miniature golf, water carnival, meeting friends, having fun ... and MORE!!!!!!

### Cost

\$2 per child per session  
\$20 per child for all 11 sessions  
\$40 maximum per family for all 11 sessions

(Financial scholarships easily available at your request. No one will be turned away because they cannot pay.)



Brochures available at the church. Questions? Call Pastor Kevin at 651-465-6792 or call with church office at 651-465-5265



# 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, July 3rd | 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.



## Karl Oskar Days

July 6-10, 2022  
Lindstrom MN

Additional details of 2022's  
events will be available on our  
website and on Facebook in  
June. [www.cityoflindstrom.us/  
karl-oskar-days](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us/karl-oskar-days)

## JULY Bucket List

SPEND AN EVENING AT A FAIR

WEAR RED, WHITE & BLUE

BUY FLOWERS AT A FARMERS MARKET

ENJOY AN OUTDOOR CONCERT

MAKE S'MORES



## Chisago County Fair

JULY 21 - 24, 2022  
[WWW.CHISAGOCOUNTYFAIR.ORG](http://WWW.CHISAGOCOUNTYFAIR.ORG)



ST. CROIX FALLS, WIS  
Polk County Fair Society, Inc.  
Thursday, July 28th - Sunday, July 31st  
**2022**



# Wannigan Days

**63rd Annual Wannigan Days**  
The Two City River Spirit Celebration  
Taylors Falls, MN & St Croix Falls, WI  
July 15-17, 2022 • Free & Fun  
wannigandays.com & tfwannigandays.com

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**FOOD COURT**  
**TWO CITY PARADE!**  
**FIREWORKS**  
**ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR**  
**CAR SHOW**  
**BINGO**  
**STREET DANCE**  
**TALENT SHOW**  
**SIDEWALK SALES**

## ... Friday July 15 Schedule ...

SCF 11 am Food, Music, Beer & Wine at the Overlook under a big shaded tent w/seating  
SCF Noon Mainstreet Art & Craft Fair  
SCF Noon Doc Bont's Annual Free Community Lunch  
SCF Live Music By The Polka Police #1 Polka Rockers  
SCF 1 pm Giant Kids Bouncy World at Auditorium  
SCF 1:30 pm Live Music by Kaptain Karl  
SCF 4 pm Live Music By School of Rock  
TF 5 pm Annual Classic Car Show City Hall Parking Lot  
SCF 6 pm Live Music by USA's #1 Tribute to The Man In Black • Johnny Cash by The Church of Cash  
TF 6:30 pm Parks & Rec Bingo TF Comm Center  
SCF 7:30 Royalty Coronation SCF Elementary  
SCF 8 pm Live Music by The Polka Police  
TF 8 PM Whitesidewalls Concert on The Big Stage

**SCF 9:30 pm HEADLINE CONCERT AT THE OVERLOOK: USA's #1 Tribute to AC/DC!**

## ... Saturday July 16 Schedule ...

SCF 10 am Food, Music, Beer & Wine at the Overlook under a big shaded tent w/seating  
SCF 10 am to 8 pm Mainstreet Art & Craft Fair  
TF 10 am Kid's Fest Play Zone next to The Drive In  
TF All Day Lion's Dunk Tank next to Romaine's  
SCF 10 am Farmers Market at Public Library  
SCF 11 am Lions & Senior Center Food Benefit  
SCF 11 am Giant Kids Bouncy World at Auditorium  
SCF Noon Live Music By Kaptain Karl  
SCF 11 am Fish Hatchery Tour! (Gate opens 10 am)  
SCF All Day • Dalles House & St Croix Tavern and other local parties in both cities - Who! Who!

TF All Day Mini-golf & Family Fun at The Drive In  
TF All Day Brats & Corn Sold by Lions Club

SCF 12 pm Live Music by Indianhead Men's Chorus  
SCF 1:30 pm Live Music By Shady Grove  
SCF 4 pm Talent Show hosted by The Festival Theatre register in advance or onsite - share your talent  
SCF 4 pm Queen's Tea Ceremony

TF 5 pm Annual Kids Parade held on Bench Street (Register in front of Romaine's at 4:30 pm)  
SCF 6 pm National Anthem sang by Festival Theatre  
SCF 6 pm Mainstreet Parade from St Croix Falls over the bridge to Taylors Falls (5 pm line up)

**SCF 8 pm NEW! Street Dance on Mainstreet with Two Bands: Red Neck Boogie & Dwight Chocolate**

SCF 8:45 pm Overlook Presentation of SCF Royalty  
SCF 8 pm Dalles House Party w/ Coconut Tiger Band  
TF 8 pm At the Big Stage the "After Hours Band"  
SCF/TF 10 pm Big Overlook #1 Fireworks Show!  
SCF 10:30 pm Street Dance Party Continues...  
SCF & TF 10:30 pm Local Tavern Parties Continue...

## ... Sunday July 17 Schedule ...

TF/SCF 10 am Self-Guided Coffee & Trail Walks  
SCF 10 am Annual Alliance Church Of The Valley Music & Prayer Service at Overlook  
TF 11 am Bloodies & Bags Tournament at The Big Stage • register onsite and have some fun!  
TF 2 pm Seniors Croquet Tournament at TF Elementary School • Both Cities welcome!  
SCF 2 pm Festival Theatre presents: Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream Performance



**SUMMER SOUNDS GOOD.**  
MUSICONTHEOVERLOOK.COM  
FREE FRIDAY CONCERTS ST CROIX FALLS

St Croix Fall,s, WI -  
Serverson Memorial  
Overlook Park  
June - August  
Friday evenings at  
6:30pm

FREE Friday Summer  
Concerts at the  
overlook. Bring a  
lawnchair.  
FREE ADMISSION!



## 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)
July 6	Bob & the Beachcombers <i>Surfin' the 60s &amp; Rockin' the 70s</i>	Karl Oskar Days Night <i>Lakes Appreciation Night</i>
July 13	Darlene & The Boys <i>Country/Variety</i>	Chisago Lakes Rotary Night <i>Non-Profit Night</i>
July 20	A Hard Days Night <i>Beatles Tribute Band</i>	Lakes, Trails, Camping & Parks Night <i>Sweet Adline's Lake Country Chorus</i>
July 27	Lindley Creek <i>Bluegrass</i>	Health Fair Night
Aug. 3	Rockin' Hollywoods <i>50s-80s Rock</i>	Chisago Lakes Lions Corn Feed <i>River City Cloggers</i>

## Music in the Vineyard

Fri, July 1 Mean Gene & The Woodticks 6-9  
Sat, July 2 Andy Tackett 3-6  
Fri, July 8 Mary Cutrufello 6-9  
Sat, July 9 Jeff Brooks 3-6  
Fri, July 15 The Alternatives 6-9  
Sat, July 16 Scrapegoat 3-6  
Fri, July 22 Glen Everhart 6-9  
Sat, July 23 Slippery Steve & Scary Gary 3-7  
Fri, July 29 Crimson Roots 6-9  
Sat, July 30 Jay Walter & The Rectifiers 3-7



16906 Wild Mountain Rd  
Taylors Falls



## Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 12, 2022, 10:25am- 11:20am

Next meeting: July 10, 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, Becky Hulden, Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist. **Members Absent:** Craig Loen

### A. Opening Devotions - Kathy

June - Wendy

### B. Sharing Story- Becky

### C. Pastor’s Report - Pastor Dwight

We are considering having the Annual meeting on August 28 with a possible potluck picnic to follow.

Rose’s term on council is ending this summer. We will need to find someone to be on the council. Becky’s first term is done. She agreed to a second term.

Pastor Dwight will meet with the financial committee to have a proposed budget for the council to review.

Pastor Dwight will be on vacation June 26 and July 31. Wendy will contact a supply pastor to preach on those Sundays.

Pastor Dwight hasn’t met with the Reopening Task group recently. There are local cases of Covid so our policy won’t change. The task group will reevaluate the Covid risk in the fall.

### D. Treasurer’s Report - Becky

The Offering was \$9,666 in May which is adequate for our budget.

We received \$ 25,000 from Lowell Nelson’s estate which is designated for outreach. Maybe some ideas about outreach will come from the results of our spiritual listening.

### E. Spiritual Listening - Dwight

The Spiritual Listening participants have met a couple of times. Each participant has five members to visit. The group meets again on June 21. This is a great way to reach out to people and hopefully to get insights on where we are heading. The goal is to have many visits completed by September. We hope to have some statistics to share at the annual meeting.

### F. Outdoor Project progress - new sidewalk construction scheduled for mid June-

The outdoor project has started by removing the sidewalk.

Bruce and Don will put in a drainline in case it is needed later and they will tuck point the foundation.

### G. Choir - Wendy

Wendy and Pastor Dwight will meet to review choir director contract examples from local churches to determine the job description and contract for our choir director position.

**Upcoming events: Together with Friends June 16- July 21, at FELC June 21, 23, 28, 30. July 10 is the fundraiser at the Baptist church at 4:30pm Supper at 5pm.**

Faithfully submitted

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary

## 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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**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 July 10, 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](mailto:parishc@tflutheran.org)  
Articles due the 10th of each month.