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First Evangelical
LUTHERAN CHURCH

561 Chestnut Street, Taylors Falls, MN 55084-1110



OCTOBER 2021

The Newsletter of
First Evangelical
Lutheran Church
561 Chestnut Street
Taylors Falls, MN
55084-1110
651-465-5265
www.tflutheran.org

SUNDAYWORSHIP

All Sunday worship
services will be held
outside.

Weather Permitting

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.



Herbert Jackson was telling his missions class at the seminary about the car he was assigned when he first became a missionary. The car worked fine except it wouldn't start without a push. Being rather resourceful, he devised a plan. He went to the school near his home and got permission to take some students out of their class to get him going each morning. From there on as he made his rounds, he would either park on a hill or leave the engine running. He used this ingenious procedure for two years.

Unfortunately, ill health forced Herbert to leave and a new missionary came to that station. While showing the new guy around he proudly began to explain his arrangement for getting the car started. While listening to the story, the new missionary unlatched the hood and started to look around. Before Herbert was able to even finish explaining his daily routine, the young man interrupted him, "Why, Dr. Jackson, I believe the only trouble is this loose cable." He gave the cable a twist, stepped into the car, turned the key, and to Herbert's astonishment, the engine roared to life. For two years a needless trouble had become

routine. The power was there all the time. Only a loose connection kept Hebert from putting that power to work.

Often I am reminded of how little I really trust God to work in mighty ways in my life and in the world. It's far too easy to trust my own gimmicks and resources to make things work. I miss so much by not seeking God and God's leading and guiding. I miss the good news that God's rule is among us and that God is pleading for me and all of us to be subject to it.

My hope in the days ahead is to be reminded of the good news of the freedom that is our because of God's love for us in Jesus. From that connection, we are then to live in our freedom, to see that we have been freed to see life in new and bold ways. To look under the hood as it were and discover the wondrous power that is available to us as we seek God and God's rule in this world. Or I suppose we could just keep pushing our way around and keep parking on hills or leave our engines running for no good reason. I choose the former.

Pastor Dwight Rudquist

New Members **Welcome!**

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

LIBRARYHOURS

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

COUNCILMEETING

Council will meet October 10, 2021 at 10:15am.

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)

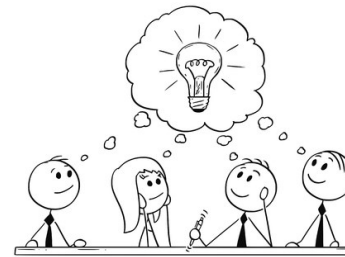
Budgeted Weekly Expenses: \$2771.60

08/29 Giving:	\$1,375.00
09/05 Giving:	\$2,820.00
09/12 Giving:	\$1,535.00
09/19 Giving:	
09/26 Giving:	\$1,435.00

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.



Sunday morning worship will take place outside every Sunday, weather permitting. If we need to move indoors, we ask that you wear your face mask. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home and take care of yourself, but please let us know if you need anything. Thank you.



BRAINSTORMINGCONTINUES

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Following Worship

Grab a cup of coffee and join in conversation on how contemporary worship looks like to you. What songs would you like to sing or hear? Join us with your ideas!!!

Outdoor Fellowship every Sunday! Cool, crisp Autumn mornings are always better with a cup of hot coffee, a treat and good company. Join us outside after worship!

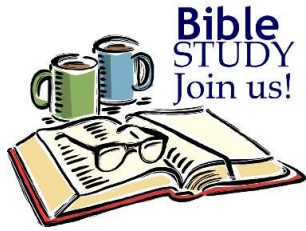


OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Brayden Kirchoff	10/08
Kelly Jorgensen	10/09
Teresa Halstrom	10/10
Autumn Kittleson	10/11
Kent Lundholm	10/12
Brittany Nelson	10/12
Deb Landin-Cooper	10/13
Lucas Clasen	10/14
Kent Johnson	10/14
Lucy Tverberg	10/16
Kullan Parks	10/20
Kelly Luschen	10/23
Karen Olson	10/23
Dennis Buchholtz	10/24
Bruce Carlsted	10/29

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



Starting Sunday, October 17th at 10:15am. Bring your Bible, grab a cup of coffee and we will dive into the texts for next week's readings.

Printed materials will be available as well.

Confirmation

Reformation Day

Sunday, October 31st
9:00am Indoor Worship

Please join us to celebrate the confirmation of

Jonah Landgreen

Carli Linngren

Angie Linngren

Cake & Coffee following worship

You are warmly invited in presence and prayers to joyfully celebrate the installation of

Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Sunday, October 24, 2021

9:00 am Indoor Worship
(Please wear face masks indoors)

Fellowship Hour Following Worship

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



Welcome to the world,
Georgia Ann Magnuson!

Born September 13, 2021

6 lbs 2 oz ~ 19 inches



Congratulations Dylan and Shayna Magnuson for the birth of their daughter, Georgia!

What I Love About First Lutheran

Spotlighting: Miriam Flysjo

When I moved to the area I decided to look at the area churches. I started at First Lutheran and my search ended. I loved the atmosphere: the friendliness of the congregation, the familiar liturgy and the wonderful music. It wasn't long until I was enjoying teaching Sunday School and discovered God's love in action in Together with Friends. Before Covid I enjoyed singing in the choir and quilting. I look forward to seeing how First Lutheran can carry out God's mission for our community.

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

Movie Under the Stars

Saturday, October 16th

~ Disney's Brave ~

Come at 5pm for a meal and
"trunk-or-treat" for your movie goodies !!
Stay for our movie at 5:30pm !!

5:00pm

Meal of Hotdogs &
Chips will be served
until gone

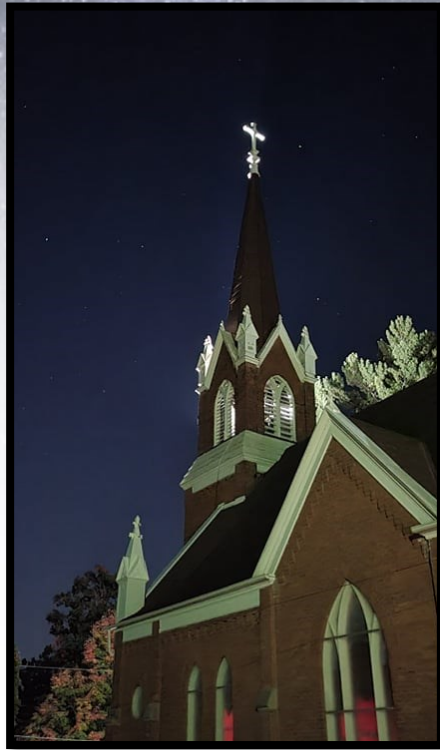
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Movie Viewing

Bring your own lawn
chair & blanket for the
movie!

There will be an above
the ground bon fire.

If you would like to volunteer at this event, call the church
office for more info! 651-465-5265



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

Short Term:

1. Fall Clean up: Raking Leaves
2. Fall Clean up: Log Cutting
- ~~3. New Flag - In Front of Church~~
4. New Vacuum with Attachments
5. New Nativity Structure (see example below)
6. New Kitchen Towels to Replacement Old Ones
7. If someone has a dumpster, these could be added to it: old basketball hoop behind outdoor shed, two broken tables downstairs, & possible toilet located in the kitchen storage area.

Long Term:

1. Foundation Maintenance
2. Parking Lot Repair
3. Fellowship Hall Replacement Chairs - \$60 each
4. Paint the Outdoor Shed
5. New Faucets for Four Lower Level Restrooms
6. New Fan/Light Fixtures for Two Sunday School Restrooms



This is an example of nativity
structure that is much
lighter. This one weighs
approximately 35 lbs and is
46" x 24"

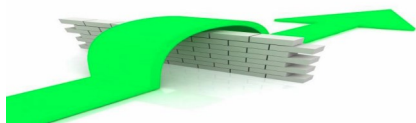
Available at Menards for \$90

River Valley Christian Women's Connection
invites you and your guest to an

Monday, October 18th ~ 11:30am Luncheon

Both men and women are invited to this once-a-year luncheon.

The theme is being an **O V E R C O M E R**.



Place: Alliance Church of the Valley, 1259 State Rd. 35, St. Croix Falls, WI
Cost: \$13 Pay at door

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by Sat. Oct. 9; Call Sharon: 612-718-8546
We are charged for each reservation, so cancel if you are unable to come.

Special feature & Music: Peter Kwong of SCF, WI
"Challenges and opportunities" when you move to a new location.
Inspirational Speaker: Wyman Johnson on "Triumph over Tragedy"

Bring a mask to be prepared to wear it if the Covid restrictions increase.
You can always wear a mask to be safer.

Kroppkakor and Swedish Meatballs

Spring Lake Lutheran Church
8440 Erickson Road NE, North Branch

Order by Wed. 10/13 - Call 651-674-4606
or email sll.church@gmail.com

Kroppkakor \$15 for 8 ~ Meatballs \$10 for a container

Pick up Friday 10/22, 12pm-5pm
OR Saturday 10/23, 9am-3pm
Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday 10/23



FELC's Farmer's Market

Maple Syrup
Don's Sugar Shack

Farm Fresh Eggs
Becky Hulden

Lindstrom, MN

Open July to October
Wednesdays 3pm to 6pm
Saturday 8am to 12pm

St. Croix Falls, WI

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteer openings for Bingo callers (Monday afternoon), read and discuss devotions (Wednesday mornings), and painting nails (Thursday afternoons).

Please let us know if you have other volunteer ideas, or would like to provide music, crafts, or fitness opportunities, as well. The Lodge of Taylors Falls, 651-240-0140.



It was a wonderful summer allowing us to get back to in-person camping after suspending our programs in 2020 due to the pandemic. We welcomed over 500 campers on site and held four day camps at churches. The love of God shined through in everything we did. Our campers explored the story of Moses and what it means to be both broken and blessed at the same time.

Keep an eye out for new and exciting programs being offered at Luther Point Bible Camp this fall and winter. Upcoming retreats and events include: hosting a wellness retreat titled "Healthy Habits: the Key to Wellness" October 8th and 9th with guest speaker Wendy Peterson and Beer and Hymns/Camp Songs at Brickfield Brewing in Grantsburg on October 24th. We are working on a monthly Bible study, youth retreats, our second annual Campfire Christmas on December 4th and so much more.

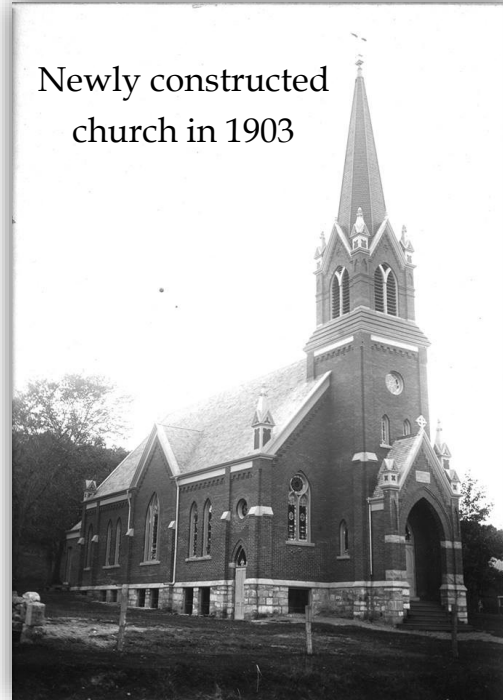
Did You Know?

Interesting Facts about First Evangelical Lutheran

- Noted at the yearly meeting in January 1903, the Ladies Aid had gathered together the sum of \$1,730.10 and the Young People's Organization \$386.75 toward the erection of a new church. Lots 9 & 10 in Block 94 were purchased in Taylors Falls for the purpose of building a new church.
- Plans were drawn by A.L. Garlough, a St. Paul architect and were accepted. Building began at once.
- Rock for the basement was hauled while snow was still on the ground. Excavation was finished once weather permitted.
- The cornerstone was donated by N.J. Westlund of Center City during the June Midsummer Festival and was laid with official ceremonies by Pastor J. Lindquist, Chisago district spokesman.
- On September 29th, St. Michael's Day, the gilded cross was affixed to the peak of the spire. The finishing and decorating of the interior went rapidly forward and all was done without mishap.
- On the fourth Sunday in Advent, December 20, 1903, with the melodious ringing of the new bell whose echoes resounded through the hills far and near, the congregation as a whole gathered in the new church for the first time!
- The new church edifice cost \$12,221.83. It is 83 by 90 and its steeple is 106 feet high. The bell, which weighs 1225 pounds, was donated by the Young People's Society.



Newly constructed church in 1903



Current 2021



- In 1910, the Hilgreen & Lane Organ was installed.
- For the 100th anniversary, the church interior was painted.
- In 1964, the education wing was built.
- The parsonage that was built in 1887 was destroyed with help from the Taylors Falls Fire Dept.
- Our church celebrated the 150th Anniversary in 2010
- Newly refinished steeple was completed in 2020

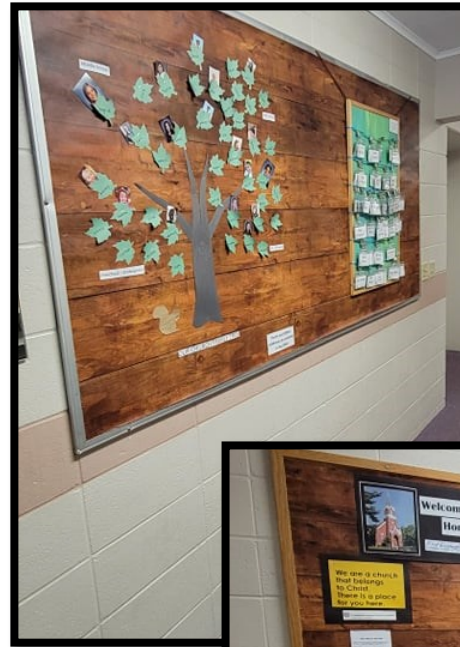
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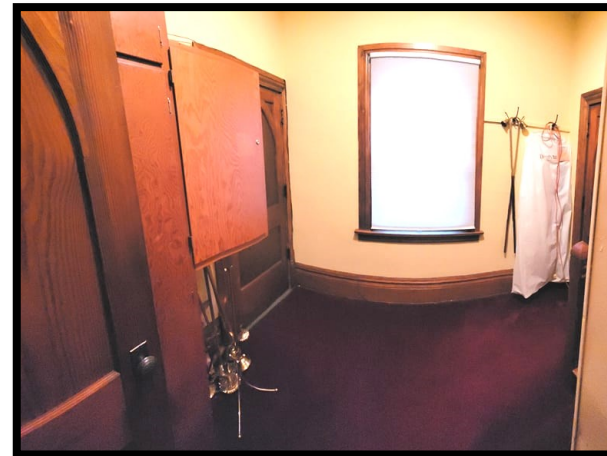
THE NURSERY has been cleaned, rearranged and minimized. We've created a cozier space for the changing table and rocking chair, allowing privacy for parents who are feeding their children.



THE RESOURCE ROOM (maple syrup room) This room has had quite the makeover! Items in this room include: wheelchair, walker, maple syrup, t-shirts, cookbooks, old hymnals, lost and found, food donations, and Food4Kids program items. Our Parish Nurse, Becky Hulden, will soon be adding materials, too!



THE ENTRYWAY The mailboxes have been removed and the tables that rested below them have also been moved allowing more room to enter the elevator. The wall has been patched and painted. The entryway bulletin now holds nametags and the youth tree!



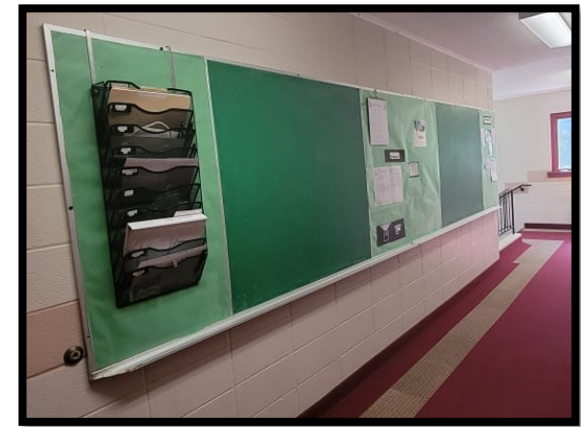
THE ACOLYTE ROOM This room is located to the left of the altar. The missing door was hung on the cupboard and things were simply put away. This room looks great!



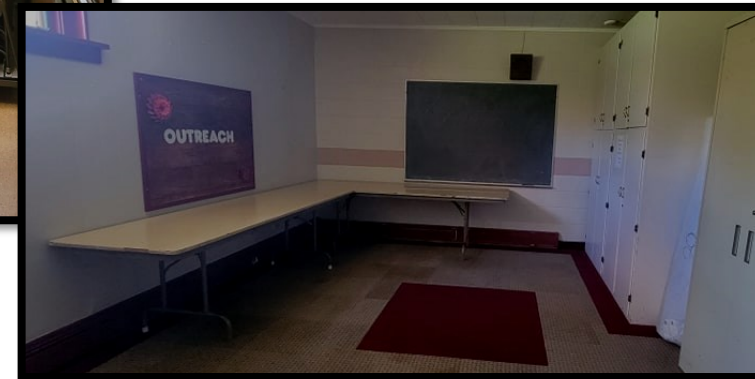
THE YOUTH ROOM has had the BIGGEST changes!!! The cupboards have been organized and labeled. The closet has youth items including outdoor activities (mighty-mighty scoop noodle, etc); all the music items were placed in the balcony and the old computers were recycled. New pillows and a new slip cover were purchased (thank you, Julie Magnuson), replacing the dirty, torn red cover. New artwork was hung and faux plants were added. A dedicated memorial photo book was placed in memory of Addy Moberg. We moved the couches to create a more intimate conversation area and tables were moved together to create a game or work space for youth to use.



MAILBOXES have been minimized and simplified to only staff and council members!!! The community information and church information (calendar, meeting minutes, etc) are also found on the same bulletin boards.



STORAGE & QUILTING AREA Room 107 has been cleaned out making room for our folding chairs and fold out tables. All youth group related items have been moved to the closet in the upstairs youth room. The quilting area now is clear of clutter and offers more room for the quilting group.



PRAYER ROOM
Cleaned and simplified, this room now offers a quiet place to pray or meditate in.



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 12, 2021 10:20am-12:10pm

Next meeting October 10

“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, Pastor Dwight Rudquist **Members Absent :** Kathy Carlsted, Craig Loen

A. Opening Devotions – Miriam, **October-** Pastor Dwight

B. Sharing Story- Wendy, Becky, Pastor Dwight

C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

On Sept 26 Pastor Dwight will be attending the celebration of the 100th anniversary of his former church.

It is frustrating to still be dealing with Covid. Pastor Dwight will organize a Zoom meeting with the Reopening Task Force to decide how to safely have worship this fall.

The Brainstorming meeting this morning went well. It was good to hear people’s opinions. It is difficult to decide what to do now that Covid cases are higher than they were last fall. Is it safe to bring people inside for Bible Study and Youth Group? The possibility of an Intergenerational meeting on Wednesday was discussed. Everyone could meet together for a while then the youth could meet and the adults could do a Bible study.

Pastor Dwight is interested in continuing talks with the other MiChiLu churches about shared ministry especially since there are now openings for a pastor at Immanuel in Almelund and Chisago Lake Lutheran. Pastor Dwight wants to help with the transition to a shared pastor.

Pastor Dwight also plans to put together a Stewardship Task Force to organize a Stewardship campaign.

We will have an Installation Ceremony led by Krista Lind. Wendy will check with Krista to see if she is available October 3 or October 24.

D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

Our offering income for August was adequate for our budget and expenses.

Becky asked Janell to pay Angie the \$1000 for the use of her personal cell phone throughout this past fiscal year for work purposes.

Becky will ask Janell to move \$1000 from the Klinke fund to the Samaritan Account.

Becky will ask Janell to create reports that show the percentage of our budget and year to date budget numbers.

The bank will inform us when the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) paperwork. needs to be completed. The PPP money is in the primary checking account.

Memorials were discussed. It was decided that the Memorial Committee needs to meet and invite Becky and Jerry R so they can determine what the specific memorials can be used for. It was suggested that the Memorial committee make a list of a couple of specific ideas for future memorials. The list of memorials will be approved by the congregation.

E. Insurance policy

The insurance policy was discussed because Our insurance company had a question about worker’s comp in the policy. Since it is an automatic payment, the policy was renewed. The insurance company requires that we have a child protection procedure in place.

F. Child Protection Policy

Pastor Dwight will get a copy of other churches’ policies. Gayle L said she will help go through the policies.

Motion- Miriam made a motion which was seconded by Rose that we review some vulnerable/child protection policies via email and vote via email/phone to adopt a policy for our congregation. Motion passed.

G. Goals

When we go back to liturgy do we want to do a contemporary version on alternate Sundays?

Youth gathering in Mpls next summer. Can we get some young adults there? Registration is coming up soon.

Bible study/book study

Short term committees to accomplish short term goals like Intergenerational Sunday School.

Fix the leaky Basement- Pastor Dwight will contact the property committee to look into a free inspection offered by Innovation basements.

Outreach- Invite former members by mail and neighbors by door hangers to the Installation of Pastor Dwight.

Establish a Missions committee- To determine how to reach out year round to different age groups and determine our mission in this community.

Parish nursing- Becky will put together a job description and provide her own insurance. She is trained to teach two different classes: Living Well with Chronic Conditions and A Matter of Balance. Becky will write newsletter articles to explain her position.

Motion to adjourn by Becky, second by Rose

Faithfully submitted by 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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2021-2022

Council/Officers:

Wendy Szczepanski—President

Craig Loen—Vice President

Becky Hulden—Treasurer

Miriam Flysjö—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 October 10, 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.