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OCTOBER 2022

The Newsletter of
First Evangelical
Lutheran Church
561 Chestnut Street
Taylors Falls, MN
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www.tflutheran.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship 9:00am

Online Worship
available every
Sunday on our
website:

www.tflutheran.org
or our YouTube
Channel:
First Evangelical
Lutheran
Church of TF.



First Things



I received this story and had to pass it on to you.
Enjoy!

A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son Timmy walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe.

So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her.

She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor boy he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the boys walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally he said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?"

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Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is." The friend said, "Well, who is she?"

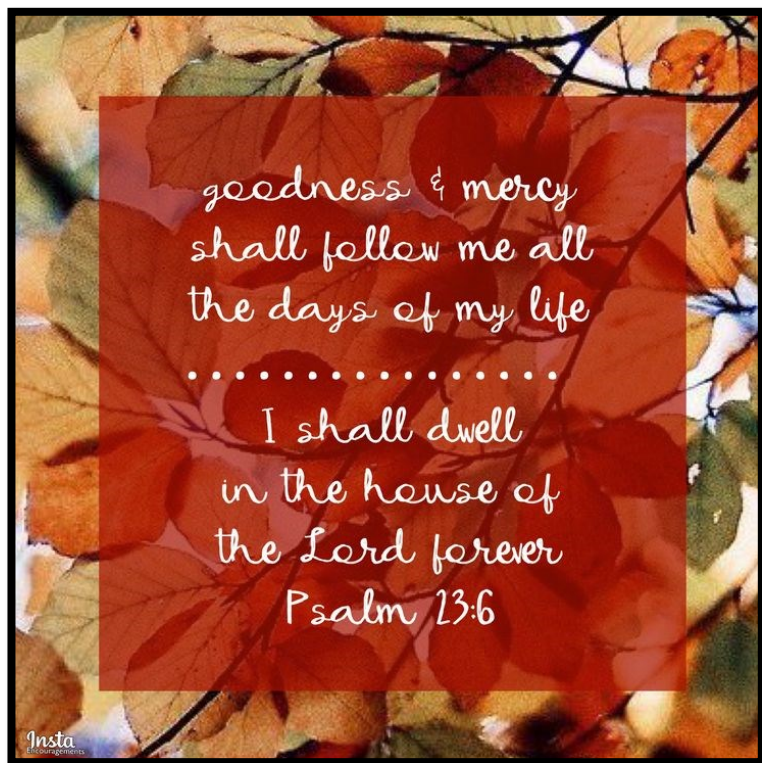
"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us? "

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always!

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

Sunday 8:00am-10:30am

COUNCILMEETING

Council will meet October 9, 2022 at 10:15am.

QUILTINGGROUP

First and third Thursday mornings at 9:30am.

BIBLESTUDY

Bible Study resumed in September and will continue to meet after fellowship hour downstairs! Watch bulletins for dates!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kent Lundholm	10/12
Brittany Nelson	10/12
Lucas Clasen	10/14
Kent Johnson	10/14
Dwight Rudquist	10/16
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.



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

09/04 Giving:	\$1,752.00
09/11 Giving:	\$3,369.00
09/18 Giving:	\$3,059.00

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.

Ministry Coordinator wanted!!!!

If you are interested or know of someone interested in applying for the Ministry Coordinator position, email resume to parishc@tflutheran.org or mail to 561 Chestnut Street, Taylors Falls, MN 55084

Planting Hope Campaign



Our church is one of the 110 congregations and mission starts in the Saint Paul Area Synod. We prayerfully invite you to support our synod's Planting Hope Campaign, a three-year effort to adapt to changing realities and equip a vibrant church for the future. The campaign's four areas of focus include:

- Inviting neighbors into life in Christ
- Renewing the congregations of the synod
- Raising up the next generations of leaders
- Investing in a transformative project on the East Side of St. Paul with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

On September 18th, Pastor Rudquist shared information on this campaign during worship. On the first two Sundays of October he will be sharing more details about each of the initiatives listed above and you will be invited to financially support The Planting Hope Campaign through a special offering. More information is available at the synod's website: www.spas-elca.org/planting-hope.



"I would challenge all of us who have been blessed by the Gospel to invest in something that's going to bring hope and wholeness to people who don't experience that right now."

The Rev. Jeffrey Marian
campaign co-chair and pastor at
Prince of Peace, Burnsville

The Planting Hope Campaign expresses our confidence that God is at work in the 110 congregations and mission starts in the Saint Paul Area Synod. This three-year campaign offers an opportunity to contribute to the collective involvement of 108,000 Lutherans of this synod in four activity areas:

INVITE neighbors into life in Christ

RENEW the congregations of the synod

RAISE UP the next generations of leaders

INVEST in a transformative project on the East Side of St. Paul with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

The Saint Paul Area Synod ✦

unites the work of congregations, provides support to rostered ministers, builds mutually transformative partnerships and emboldens witness for justice. The synod:

- assists congregations with call processes and guides seminary students
- provides education and support to ministers and lay leaders
- encourages public witness in the areas of racial equity, caring for creation, and prevention of sexual exploitation and gun violence
- nurtures congregational vitality
- accompanies companion synods in Tanzania and Guatemala

Summary of the \$2,750,000 Campaign Goal

Inviting others into life in Christ	\$150,000
Renewing congregations	\$700,000
Raising up the next generations of leaders	\$700,000
Investing in the East Side of St. Paul	\$1,000,000
Campaign communication, staffing and events (4.2%)	\$117,500
Consultant's fee (represents just 3% of overall goal)	\$82,500
TOTAL	\$2,750,000

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, October 2 | 10am-2pm

The last Art & Farmers Market of this season, visit booths from
local farmers and artists coming together to provide a variety of
fresh produce and handmade crafts.



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022 AT
10 AM – 4 PM**

Enjoy all local businesses restaurants and
taverns, enjoy the annual art and craft fair,
live music, the annual pie eating contest
and ice cream eating contest. Check out
this and more at Overlook Memorial Park -

and also please attend the St Croix Falls Dogfest held at the Traprock
Brewing campus to include an UpDog Competition, a dog agility show,
Frisbee Disc Dog dog trick shows, a K9 program, a Dog Parade, a dog
lovers meet and greet, an open house at the St Croix Falls dog park and
more - or number three join us at the St Croix Falls farmers market and
public library for a great lovely day in the fall weather with live music by
the rockin' local teen band MEAT!

2nd Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social

**Oct. 1, 2022
11am-2pm**

**Location: Mike Seversen
Overlook Park, St Croix Falls**

Pie eating contest at 1:00 pm



Sponsored by
Valley Sweets

Kroppkakor and Swedish Meatballs

Take-Outs ~ Craft & Bake Sale

Order by Wednesday, October 12th

Call 651-674-4606 or

email sll.church@gmail.com

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

Pick up Friday, October 21, noon-5:00pm

Saturday, October 22, 9:00am-3:00pm

Shop while at the church!

Spring Lake Lutheran Church

8440 Erickson Road NE

(4 miles west of North Branch

or 9 miles east of Cambridge on Hwy 95

651-674-4606 ~ sll.church@gmail.com



Saturday, October 29th at 9:30am

**North Cluster Gathering in Center City
at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church of Center City**

This will be a time to gather together, meet old friends, and have a cup of coffee. Speaker Karen Seaver will also talk about Safe Haven, an organization in Lindstrom.

More information can be found on our
bulletin board at the church.

Women of the **ELCA** 



October 14th

From the *Feeding the Flock* recipe book:

Apple Cake

2 cups flour
1 1/4 cup sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
2/3 cup oil
2 Tbsp milk

4 to 6 cups sliced apples
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup flour

Sift flour and 1/4 cup sugar into a 9x13 inch cake pan. Mix oil and milk with a fork and work into the flour and sugar mixture. Press into pan. Combine apples, sugar and cinnamon and place on crust. **Topping:** Mix 1/4 cup each: butter, flour and sugar and sprinkle over apples. Bake 350° for 45 minutes.

Recipe by Miriam Lagus





God's Work Our Hands



A group constructed layettes to be donated to the local hospitals. Miriam and Arne Lagus obtained a \$250 Thrivent grant for the layette project and Joy Buchholtz shopped for supplies.



A group of ladies painted rocks for the **The Kindness Rocks Project**

"One message at just the right moment can change your whole day, outlook, or life."

More information can be found at www.thekindnessrocksproject.com

Paint rocks with great messages and leave them in God's world for others to find and collect!





Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 11 (Sunday), 2022, 10:10am- 11:10pm

Next meeting: October 9, 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, Miriam Flysjo, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Pastor Dwight Rudquist, Kathy Carlsted **Absent:**

A. Opening Devotions - Wendy

October - Becky

B. Sharing Story- Craig, Wendy

C. Pastor’s Report - Pastor Dwight

Projects for God’s Work our Hands:

1. Painted rocks with a message like you are loved, God is with you. They will be placed around for people to see them. Angie and Carli will lead.
2. Constructing layettes- Miriam and Arne Lagus obtained the \$250 Thrivent grant for the layette project. Joy is doing the shopping for the supplies.

Pastor will show the video on Planting Hope, a special mission of the synod to raise money to support ministry in St. Paul.

Spiritual listening summary-

We will organize a separate vision group that will determine how to move forward.. Maybe we will bring Justin or Rolf from the Synod to help the task force interpret the gathered information.

Communion- The council decided to present communion in a few different ways so individuals may receive communion according to their comfort level.

Bread and wine will be spread out on trays so communicants can come forward to pick up their own wafer and cup. The prepackaged communion will also be offered for communicants to pick up. Prepackaged communion cups will be available for those who are not comfortable going up for communion.

Offering- It was decided to leave the offering as it is now.

D. Treasurer’s Report - Becky

Monthly goal is \$10,400.

1. Our income over the first two months of the fiscal year is adequate for our budget.
2. Becky and Janelle will determine what accounts to use to pay for the concrete work.

Salaries were adjusted as of July 1 and staff received retroactive pay.

E. Ministry Coordinator position

Motion: Becky made a motion that we hire Erin Petersen for 12-15 hours a week at \$20 an hour contingent on background check and the committee will work on details of starting date. Second Craig. Motion passed

F. Fall social events

October – Perhaps have our own harvest festival on October 23 with Worship at 10:00 followed by a potluck lunch.

November - FELC will offer two events for the Lighting Festival on November 26:

- A free lumberjack pancake breakfast from 9-11 with any free will donations going to Backpack for Kids and/or food shelf.
- Advent wreath or log making.

Early December– Lefse making- invite community members to make and take home lefse. Kathy volunteered to head up the committee.

G. Choir

Pastor will lead the choir with practice being held two Wednesday evenings a month.

The choir will since once a month.

H. Next year’s projects-

Possible projects: repaving the parking lot, fix the back doors to the fellowship hall, fix or replace the kitchen and fellowship floors and update the kitchen.

I. Motion to adjourn, second

Motion to adjourn by Craig, second by Kathy.

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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2022-2023

Council/Officers:

Wendy Szczepanski—President

Craig Loen—Vice President

Becky Hulden—Treasurer

Miriam Flysjo —Secretary

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 9, 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.