

The month of May is *the awakening* in Hayward and Northern Wisconsin. We have had an early spring and so our lawns are showing green and the trees are budding. The maple trees are giving us maple syrup; a gift the Native Americans taught us to use many, many years ago. Robins, geese, and ducks are returning. It is a joy to be still and listen to this earth as it awakens. We the people find our selves hustling and bustling in preparation for the warm summer days, the summer people who give us Tourism, the time for planting the gardens and flowers that give us pleasure, and all the things that mean summer in Hayward. Our God is a great God who blesses us with these wonders of nature and the joy of the seasons. Here at First Lutheran our growing pains are showing as we are being blessed with new flooring by the generous gifts of the members of this church we love. We are blessed with a new pastor, Pastor Joel Bacon and so spring has come and all things are made new. Jesus death on the cross and His resurrection has made us aware of our gifts and the desire to share them. May God continue to bless this Church and our Community. And may we too be a blessing to all we encounter in our daily lives.

Month of May each circle will choose their own bible study theme as the Gather Magazine has no study included in its May Issue. We will be meeting at our regular times the second Tuesday of the month on May 9th.

Peace Circle at 9:45am

At Waters Edge Care Center

Leader: Linda Euneau

Hostess: Vi Jacobson

Faith, Hope, and Love Circle at 1:30pm

at the church in the Library

Leader: Carol Knutson

Hostess: Maxine Poppe

Jubilee Circle has finished their DVD series and they will meet for their final get together at “Props” at 6:00pm on Tuesday the 16th. All are welcome to join them. They will take a break in June, July, and August and will resume again in September. Have a wonderful summer. Thank you Rhonda for hosting and leading this year.

Looking Ahead:

The FLCW Circles will begin a new three session series in June called “All Anew”, following the theme of The Women of the ELCA Tenth Triennial Gathering. Kelly Fryer, an ELCA pastor, teacher, entrepreneur and communicator, has written the Study.

July 18th and August 15th we will be having our combined **Circle Salad Luncheons**.

They will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon with a lunch and bible study to follow. Pastor Joel has said he would be delighted to lead us in our bible study lessons for these two luncheons. We look forward to these summer time events and are pleased to have him as our guest and leader.

We are looking for a person who would chair the **Scandinavian Dinner** this November. And a person who would take over the Lutefisk preparation. Both of these positions have a very detailed folder on file to follow. And there would be many hands to help and give you support. Please seriously give it your consideration. This event is a wonderful gift to the community and the funds earned for this event go to local needs and to the greater area for mission. It is a wonderful place to channel the gift of your time.

July 13-17th Tenth Triennial Convention in Minneapolis, MN

August 14-15th

Heart of the North Luther Park Women’s Retreat, I hope you will consider going if only for one day. These are always special times to meet and fellowship together with our other church women in our district.

I will keep you informed, as the date gets closer.

Gods Blessing to all of you, Linda Gordon FLCW President