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## First Lutheran Women E-News – July, 2015

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### **Faith Message:**

*If you but trust in God to guide you  
And place your confidence in him,  
You'll find him always there beside you,  
To give you hope and strength within.  
For those who trust God's changeless love  
Build on the rock that will not move.*  
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship #769 Verse 1)

Everyone has favorite hymns. I have many favorite hymns as well but the verse above from the hymn "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" is my ultimate favorite! I love the words of every verse of this song but verse 1 has been especially comforting to me during many life situations. I love to *sing* the hymn but I think I "get the message" in a more meaningful way when I *read* it. Sometimes I think we should *read* as well as *sing* the hymns during worship to help us internalize the message within the words. When I read the words of a song I am more apt to consider how I will be able to apply the message to my life.

In July, my husband Karl's life situation will change as he retires from a 40-year career in the insurance business. Even though he has been planning this event, I'm sure he will find times when he may question his decision. I know about those questions -- I've been retired for 3+ years and those times of questioning do come.

It is normal to question the times during any life situation but how grateful Karl and I are to have God right beside us as we move through those times. Trusting in God is the key -- he will guide us, and we will stay confident in him. In his book *You'll Get Through This*, Max Lucado reminds us that "you will never go where God is not". When all else seems to fail us, God's "promise still stands -- I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go". (Genesis 28:15 NIV)

Take time to read and think about the words of my favorite song verse above, it may become your favorite, too!

In faith and friendship,  
Shirley Anderson-Porisch  
FLC Women's Board -- Past President

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### **Upcoming Events:**

**July 7 – Prayer Shawl Ministry – 7:00 p.m.**

**July 8 – Summer Bible Study – Noon**

**July 20 – Quilting – 1:00 p.m.**

**July 23 – Women's Summer Retreat – *Renew, Refresh & Rest in God's Faithfulness* – 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

### **Mission Statement:**

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

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