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Faith Message:

SUMMER is a great time for most any activity but Family Reunions, Anniversaries, and Weddings are wonderful celebrations in the “Good Old Summertime”!! This month, I would like to focus on weddings. It happened to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden... Genesis 2:24 – “Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.” Who as a new bride and groom can wrap their minds around this concept? However, most couples have a great support system of family and friends who share with them many blessings... like my brother Willis Gertner, then, a newly ordained Lutheran Pastor, who married us (Bob and I) fifty years ago on September 4, 1965. He now shares the following blessing with his granddaughter and her new husband a few months ago... this is even more special to me because Willis passed away on June 12, 2015. “The Blessing”.

We lift our hearts and our hands in blessing on you, Laura and Shane, as you begin your new life together as husband and wife. Your friendship has grown into love; your love has blossomed into marriage; and now your marriage is a decision to love each other forever. Marriage is a gift. God created marriage just for you. You don't deserve marriage. It is a grace from God, precious and fragile, to be handled with extreme care. We trust God will bless the promises you spoke here: to respect each other, to honor and be honest with each other, and to share all the joys and challenges of marriage. As you begin your married life, be assured that you have the endorsement and support of your parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends. We not only want you to be a compatible couple; we need you to set a new precedent for marriage in our families. So be a strong, loyal, mature, and successful team. Prepare yourselves for rough roads, stormy winds, and fatigue. Rather than blame each other for tough times, use tensions and disagreements to increase your problem solving skills. Talk, discuss, listen, share. Conversation and eating together are vital. Let nothing poison your relationship. Refer to each other by name, not just as him or her. Always stand up for each other. Don't just meet each other half way: give your partner's needs and fulfillment 100% of yourself. Let your partner's happiness be

even more important than your own. It takes hard work. Your marriage will need repair and maintenance; find yourself a good garage (church); and ask the world's best Mechanic (Jesus) for regular tune-ups. Our Lord God blesses your marriage and so do we. God be with you, Laura and Shane. Go in peace, for we all say: AMEN.

We are truly “Blessed to be a Blessing” to each other! God’s richest blessings to YOU, my dear friends, into eternity!!!!

In faith and friendship,
Corlys Ann Gertner Knudson
President – First Lutheran Women

Upcoming Events:

August 17 – Quilting – 1:00 p.m.

Mission Statement:

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

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