



## First Lutheran Women News – September, 2017

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### **Faith Message – *Stay Awhile***

During a discussion of *The Lord of the Rings* movie trilogy, a teenager said he prefers his stories in books rather than movies. When asked why, the young man replied, “With a book, I can stay there as long as I want.” There is something to be said for the power of lingering in a book, especially the Bible, and “inhabiting” the stories there.

Hebrews 11, often called “the faith chapter” of the Bible, mentions nineteen people by name. Each one traveled a road of difficulty and doubt, yet chose to obey God. “All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth” (v. 13).

How easy it is to rush through our Bible reading without pondering the people and events in the text. Our self-imposed time schedule robs us of going deeper into God’s truth and His plan for our lives. Yet, when we are willing to stay awhile, we find ourselves caught up in the real-life dramas of people like us who chose to stake their lives on God’s faithfulness.

When we open God’s Word, it’s good to recall that we can stay as long as we want.

*Father in heaven, thank You for Your written Word and the examples of people who lived by faith. Help us to follow You as they did.*

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### **NEWS & EVENTS:**

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** - 1:00pm – Quilting

#### **Bible Study Opportunities for First Lutheran Women of the ELCA**

Bible studies being offered in our circles this fall include: In the morning circles, we will be doing a three-session study on The Apostles’ Creed and what we together say we believe. In the evening circle, we will be studying the book of Jeremiah. When we hear the word Circle at church, we immediately think of what that meant in our mothers and grandmothers time. However today a circle represents women who are joining together in fellowship to learn about God’s word and how it applies to us now in our current times.

Circles meet during the 2nd week of each month. On the 2nd Monday: Esther Circle meets at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room Contact person: Diane Wright [507-532-9077](tel:507-532-9077) On the 2nd Wednesday: Deborah Circle meets at 6:00am in various locations. Contact person: Corlys Knudsen [507-532-2434](tel:507-532-2434); Elizabeth/Hannah Circle meets at 9:00am in various locations. Contact person: Dawn Planting [507-423-1465](tel:507-423-1465). If you are interested in joining a circle of women, in fellowship, to learn about God’s word and how it applies to us now in our current times please call a contact person listed above.

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### **Mission Statement:**

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

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