

July 2022

# First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

*Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve*

Members and friends of First Lutheran,

This summer, we'll be reading from the prophets of Israel, and I'll use these texts for Sunday sermons. These are the "Semicontinuous readings" for this summer. These prophets of Judah and Israel came *after* Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; *after* the Exodus from Egypt, and *after* the kings of the United Monarchy: Saul, David and Solomon. The prophets rose up in a time that kings set themselves up as "God's representatives" and in an era of political intrigue. Of course, there's nothing like that today in our country or our world. Or, is there? Prophets take a stand to challenge kings and the powerful in general.

They refused to accept arrogance, disregard of God's teachings, injustice, double talk, or worship of "false" gods. They sometimes shamed and castigated the proud and powerful. These prophets did so at the risk of their own lives. They were courageous. *"The first prophetic move is tears,"* wrote Will Willimon. The renowned Jewish scholar of the prophets, Abraham J. Heschel writes:

*"To us a single act of injustice—cheating in business, exploitation of the poor—is slight; to the prophets, a disaster. To us injustice is injurious to the welfare of the people; to the prophets it is a deathblow to existence: to us, an episode; to them, a catastrophe, a threat to the world."* (*The Prophets: An Introduction*, p. 4).

*And, also: "The prophet is a person who feels fiercely. God has thrust a burden on the soul of the prophet who is bowed and stunned at the greed of the people" (p. 5). The presence of God in history, the manifestation of God's will in the affairs of the world, is the object of the prophet's longing. It is not mystical experience that the prophet longs for, but historical justice."* (p. 175)

I hope you'll be eager to learn more about the prophets and their world. While prophets occasionally predict the future, God called them primarily to prick the conscience of the nation, to challenge and call for justice, and to warn kings and people to worship the one true God, and not false 'gods' or 'idols'. While their words can be devastating, the prophets seek to remind that God's passion, love and judgment are about people. They warn those in positions of power that they are accountable to God. That they should look to God, seek righteousness and the welfare of all. And then, ultimately, prophets also proclaim a word of hope. God's wrath is temporary; God's love is eternal. Though they may ruffle our feathers, we can learn much from these prophets.

Yours faithfully,

Pastor Dan Belgum

- ☐ **Coffee Hour** is served in the fellowship hall following the worship service on Sunday mornings. The *Peace Service Group* is on the schedule to serve coffee hours during the month of July. Please sign up on the church bulletin board across from the office. Those in the Peace Service Group are:
 

Rochelle Anderson	Judy Bluth	Emilie Brustuen
Terry & Jill Dybdahl	** Doug & Sharon Ehlers	Rob & Peggy Jergenson
Dennis & Natalie Ketterling	Tom & Heather Schneider	Heidi & Neil Suess
Kent & Erica Swenson	Dorwin & Millie Tschetter	Jamie & Rochelle Van Kempen
**Jill & Steve Van Kempen		
  
- ☐ **Lunch Bunch** meets on Wednesday, July 6th at 11:30am at Buddie's in Hancock. Join us...all are welcome!
- ☐ **Newsletter Deadline** for the August newsletter is noon on Thursday, July 21st.
- ☐ **Zipporah Bible Study** meets on Thursday, July 21st at 2:00pm in the church fellowship hall. Need to drop something off for the Zipporah group? They now have a church mailbox (located in the church office waiting area).
- ☐ **Gatherings for Widows and Widowers** will meet for lunch at noon (12:00pm) on Sunday, July 10th at Common Cup Order lunch off the menu and enjoy an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new ones who are also experiencing life as a widow/widower. No need to RSVP. Listen to KKOK/KMRS for any changes.
- ☐ **2022 KMRS Radio Broadcast** available date is: November 27. Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one. Contact the church office for more information.
- ☐ **Donate with Venmo!** You can quickly and easily make donations to First Lutheran through Venmo. Not familiar with Venmo? (it's a safe and easy way to transfer money) Check out and download the app on your smart phone (available for Android and Apple) or check out their website at [www.venco.com](http://www.venco.com).
- ☐ **Reminder!** If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Dan at 320.894.3577 or the church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the Pastor or church office unless you specifically request them to.
- ☐ **Follow us** on Facebook and send us a friend request at "Morris-First Lutheran Church." Our worship services are live-streamed on Sundays at 9:30am. We also try to add current event photos and updates to our Facebook page.
- ☐ **A Special Thank You** from Pope County Families in Need for your generous donation of much needed clothing. Our team is grateful for your willingness to help us embrace and serve these struggling families. Your support allows us to continue our mission.

**Support Missionary For A Day and honor a loved one ~ \$15.00/day**

- June 2 Happy Birthday Scott Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
- June 7 Happy Birthday Ann Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
- June 10 In honor of our 70th Wedding Anniversary from Jim & Marian Thraen
- June 12 In memory of my cousin Aryls Wahl from Marian & Jim Thraen
- June 20 In memory of Jim's nephew Greg Thraen from the Jim Thraen family
- June 27 Happy Birthday Gunnar Curfman from Grandma Pam

June 12 Worship Hour Radio Broadcast given in honor of Jim & Marian Thraen's 70th Wedding Anniversary

Our missionaries are Rev. Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson. The Knutsons have served for many years in Southern Africa, and are based in South Africa. Philip was born and grew up in South Africa, the son of missionary parents, and Lou is a native of South Africa. You can sponsor the Knutsons for \$15 per day. You may give this in memory, or in honor, of someone. Contact Rita in the church office if you need more information.

# Worship in East Side Park: Sunday, July 17

On Sunday, July 17th, we will have outdoor worship at East Side Park at 9:30am followed by a potluck. Bring your lawn chairs, and a dish to share and join us for a fun morning of worship, un and fellowship. Feel free to bring frisbees, footballs, and friends!

## Meet our Missionaries! Saturday, July 16

A rare opportunity to meet, greet, have lunch and hear from Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson! Come for a delicious lunch at First Lutheran on Saturday, July 16th, at 12 noon, and learn about the lives and work of the missionaries we support in Southern Africa: The Rev. Dr. Philip and Marie Knutson. Philip grew up in South Africa, and his wife is a native of that country. They have spent decades serving in that region. Come and learn more about their work, and the mission and ministry there, including in our companion synod. *Please RSVP by Sunday, July 10th with your name and the number attending by emailing [office@flcmorris.org](mailto:office@flcmorris.org) or by voicemail at 320-589-3242 ext. 100.*



*A following letter is an update from The Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson, ELCA Missionary in Southern Africa, whom we support financially and in prayer. Our **Missionary for a Day** gifts support Rev. Philip and Lou Knutson, as they continue their work in Southern Africa. You may give to Missionary for the Day by giving \$15 (for a day) in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. Checks may be written to First Lutheran. Thank you for supporting the Knutsons.*

Dear friends,

Over the past two years, communities in Southern Africa have been hard hit by disasters including cyclones, floods, drought and the COVID-19 pandemic. Lives have been lost and livelihoods affected especially among the poor and most vulnerable.

With financial assistance from ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) the Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA) hosted a training workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa for bishops and church leaders from member churches in the region. The workshop focused on developing knowledge and competency regarding disaster response and psychosocial support. (The Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa is the sub-regional expression of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) with fifteen member churches across ten countries.)

The theme for the conference was taken from Acts 20:28, "Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God." The bishops talked about the emotional and financial difficulties faced by their pastors and congregations during the pandemic lockdowns and of the challenges, as bishops, of being a pastor to pastors when movement and in-person meetings, including funerals, were restricted and communication and income severely limited. The bishops also shared how they are learning new ways of communicating, meeting, worshipping, serving and being church.

I was honored to be invited to be one of the presenters at the bishops' workshop. We learned about hazards, risk assessment, vulnerability, exposure, disaster preparedness, response and resilience. We explored our own experiences of loss and grief and general guidelines for psychosocial and pastoral support. We looked at some theological resources to help "wounded healers" listen, manage stress and nurture healing and hope for those who have been traumatized.

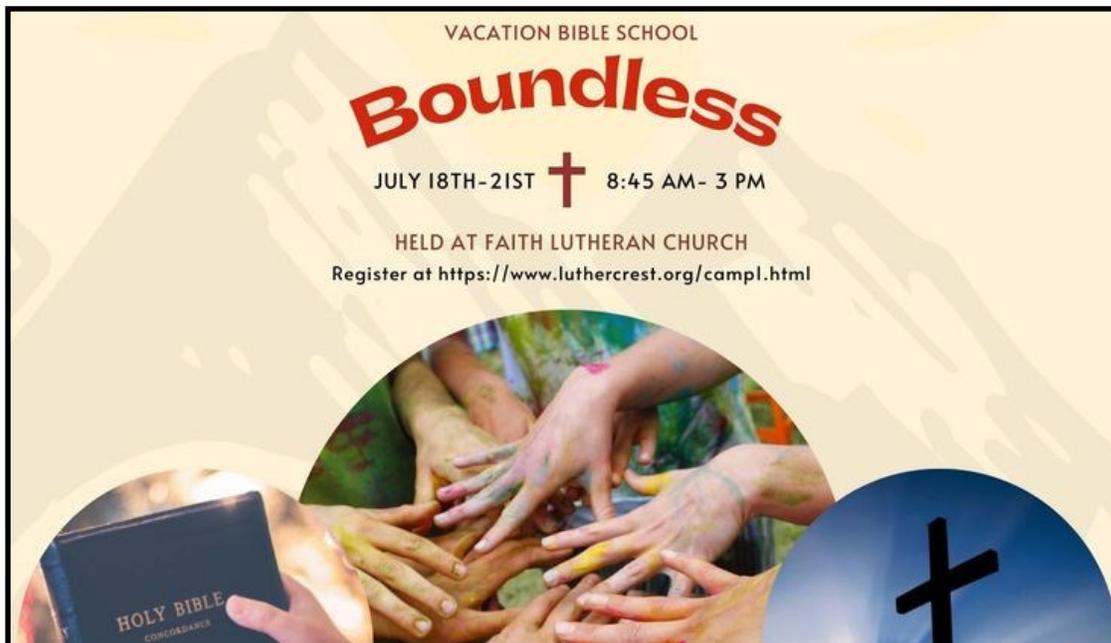
Bishop Joseph Bvumbwe of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi and president of LUCSA expressed appreciation to the ELCA for supporting and accompanying LUCSA and the bishops and church leaders of the member churches during this time.

Thank you for your prayers, support and your participation in God's mission locally and globally.

Yours faithfully,

Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson

ELCA Regional Representative – Southern Africa / Johannesburg, May 21, 2022



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

# Boundless

JULY 18TH-21ST ✝ 8:45 AM- 3 PM

HELD AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Register at <https://www.luthercrest.org/camp1.html>

The poster features a central image of hands of various colors (yellow, green, blue) stacked together in a circle. To the left, a hand holds a blue Bible with 'HOLY BIBLE CONCORDANCE' written on it. To the right, a blue circle contains a white cross. The background is a light yellow with faint silhouettes of hands.

***Vacation Bible School is just around the corner!***

Local churches (First, Faith, Kongsvinger & Trinity) have combined forces with Luther Crest to bring our community's youth a fun-filled Vacation Bible School!

**Kindergarten through 6th Grade**  
**Monday, July 18 — Thursday, July 21 from 8:45am to 3:00pm**  
**at Faith Lutheran, Morris**

Registration is on-line at <https://www.luthercrest.org/camp1.html>.  
Click on the "Off-Site Day Camp Registration" button in the banner.  
Once logged in, click "Add New Program" under registration  
and enter this GHR ID code: **FMDay22**.

**We also need volunteers!! Adults and teenagers are encouraged to volunteer!**  
Please text/call Jeanne Williamson at 763-276-0467 if you would like to volunteer.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>July 2022</h1> <p><i>All worship services are in-person, in addition to being streamed live via Facebook and YouTube. Recorded services available on our website at <a href="http://www.flcmorris.org">www.flcmorris.org</a></i></p>					1	2 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
3 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	4 <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b> 	5 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	6 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Buddie's in Hancock	7 3:00pm Pastor at West Wind Village (worship)  6:00pm Property Committee Mtg	8 3:00pm Mission & Evang. Mtg	9 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
10 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee Hour 12:00pm Gatherings for Widows & Widowers at Common Cup	11	12 11:00am Pastor's Text Study  6:30pm Worship & Music Meeting	13	14 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 10:00am Pastor at Skyview Plaza Worship	15	16 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran  12:00pm Meet & Greet Lunch with our Missionaries (RSVP required)
17 9:30am Outdoor Worship at Eastside Park Potluck meal following worship	18	19 11:00am Pastor's Text Study  7:00pm Council Meeting	20	21 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due 2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall	22	23 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
24 9:30am Worship HC (Blue Hymnal) 10:30am Coffee Hour	25	26 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	27	28 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)  12pm Newsletter Articles Due	29	30 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
31 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour						

# July Worship Servants

## Sunday, July 3: 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

**Ushers:** Al Harris, Dorwin Tschetter, Paul Grove

**Nursery:** Sandy Grove

**Communion:** Sharon Ehlers (*silver tray*)

**Video:** Steve Wagner

**Lector:** Sharon Ehlers

**Acolyte:** Brenna Jergenson & Sawyer Fynboh

**Comm Servers:** Doug Ehlers, Liz Harris, Millie Tschetter

**TV slides:** Abigail Anderson

## Sunday, July 10: 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

**Ushers:** Dick Smith, Steve & Jill VanKempen

**Communion:** Vicki Dalager (*silver tray*)

**Nursery:** Amy Dougherty

**Video:** Kyle Dougherty

**Lector:** Dave Jungst

**Comm Servers:** Emilie Brusten, Linda Holland, Bob Dalager

**Acolyte:** Dane Dybdahl & Connor Siegel

**TV slides:** Sarah Dougherty

## Sunday, July 17: 9:30am Outdoor Worship at Eastside Park

**Ushers:** Bob Heck, Tim & Kristin Grove family

**Video:** Mike Odello

**Lector:** Denise Odello

## Sunday, July 24: 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (*Blue Hymnal*)

**Ushers:** Steve & Michelle Just family

**Nursery:** Michelle Just

**Communion:** Judy Buro (*silver tray*)

**Video:** Dave Jungst

**Lector:** Laurie Feuchtenberger

**Acolyte:** Grant Anderson & Isaac Just

**Comm Servers:** Laurie Feuchtenberger, Doug & Sharon Ehlers

**TV slides:** Brenna Jergenson

## Sunday, July 31: 9:30am Worship

**Ushers:** Bob Heck, Karen Bolling, Scott Staples

**Acolyte:** Jennie Odello & Abigail Anderson

**Lector:** Ward Voorhees

**Video:** Tony Feuchtenberger

**Nursery:** Vicki Dalager

**TV slides:** Taylor Anderson

HAPPY  
*Birthday*

July 1: Sharon Ehlers  
July 2: Justin Anderson, Cheryl Hawkinson  
July 3: Dorwin Tschetter, Al Watson  
July 4: Dolores Crow, Natalie Ketterling,  
Steven Sarlette  
July 5: Paul Grove  
July 6: Lori Anderson, Taylor Anderson,  
Reid Ketterling  
July 7: Laura Anderson  
July 8: Dennis Fuhrman, Ben Staples  
July 9: Rich Buro  
July 10: Dustin Anderson, Jacoby Burnett,  
Brek Huebner, Victor Youle  
July 11: Shelley Beyer  
July 12: Todd Staples  
July 13: Brittany Harrison, Thomas Wulff  
July 15: Rebecca Holland  
July 16: Ardell Anderson, Gordon Dalseide,  
Brian Erdahl, Jacob Ulrich  
July 17: Charles Henrich Jr., Myron Syverson  
July 18: Jennie Odello, Hannah Zehringer

July 20: Ian Grove  
July 21: Anna Grove  
July 22: Mason Williamson  
July 23: Kendra Buro, Joel Harrison  
July 26: Damien Warner  
July 27: Carole Johnson, Nikki Krosch  
July 28: Robi Bowman, Durgin Decker, Tyson Grove,  
Connor Siegel  
July 29: James Carlson, Thomas Holland  
July 30: Jon Amundson, David Nelson  
July 31: Rhonda Lair, Greg Thymain

HAPPY  
*Anniversary!*

July 1: Jon & Shana Ulrich  
July 6: Cheryl & Keith Hawkinson  
July 8: Dennis & Laurie Feuchtenberger  
July 9: Matt & Cari Burnett  
Charles & Helen Yerigan  
July 18: Brian & Ann Erdahl  
July 20: Eugene & Cathy Anderson  
July 21: Dennis & Anita Neisius  
July 23: Bob & Vicki Dalager  
July 30: Ray & Jane Johnson

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your support of these youth! We will be doing various work projects ranging from clearing brush, painting homes, light home repair, as well as helping to lead a kid's club with the local children in the area.

Please pray as we head off on our adventure to Spindale, NC in the Blue Ridge mountains.

- Pray that we would be open to learning from the community we are visiting and that we grow closer to Jesus.
- Pray for the YouthWorks staff who are living in Spindale all summer and will be leading us during the trip.
- Pray for the community members that we meet – that we could love and honor them well.
- Pray for safety.
- Pray for the adult leaders – that we could really lead this trip in a fresh and effective way!



Students:	Adults:
Piper Swanson	Heather Black
Sarah Dougherty	David Black
Micah Ulrich	Pastor Chris
Jason Christians	Amy Dougherty
Isaac Just	
David Black Jr	
Truett Richards	
Evan Oberg	
Lilia Asmus	
Hannah Schneider	
Bryn Lonergan	
Jayden Marquart	
Wesley Richards	

## WHAT is Wednesday Night Alive?

Wednesday Night Alive is time to gather together to hear stories from life that connect the messages of God's love for all people. .

Come for the stories – shared by speakers who know and have experienced God's powerful love in the face of life's many challenges.

Come hear the message of God's mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Come for community, come for the food!

All people are welcome – period

No time for a meal before Wednesday Night Alive?

Join us for a **FREE** meal at Old #1 Southside! Our gift to you! Meal starts at 6pm.

**Location:** Old #1 Bar & Grill, Southside, 412 S Atlantic Ave, Morris, MN 56267

**SCHEDULE:** Speakers from Minnesota Youth Alive

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dan Herod**

**June 29<sup>th</sup> – Brad Hurtig**

**July 6<sup>th</sup> – Bobby Loukinen**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> – Reggie Dabbs**

**July 20<sup>th</sup> – Richard Baker**

**July 27<sup>th</sup> – Terrance Talley**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
ALIVE**

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#### Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:30am

broadcasted via Facebook Live;

also available on our website

and YouTube channel

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#### Televised Services:

Tuesdays at 2:00pm

Federated: Channel 6

MediaCom: Channel 117

#### STAFF

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