

June 2022

First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve

There are many Biblical passages that relate to welcoming the stranger into our midst. To love the other. These span from Genesis 18, where Abraham and Sarah host strangers who visit them, to the New Testament accounts of Jesus who taught and healed Samaritans (who were despised by Jewish people in Jesus's day). The stories of God's love revealed in the gospel going out to all people is central to the story of Jesus and the earliest followers in the Bible.

A pastor friend of mine, Bob Spilman, lives in Buffalo, NY, where he and his wife have lived for decades and raised their children. So, just today, I received emails from his friends group, offering prayers and thoughts, for what happened there. When I learned through these emails that a teenager killed ten people yesterday in a store in Buffalo, New York, and wounded three others, it caught my eye. One of the deadliest racist attacks in U.S. history, eleven of the 13 victims of the shooting were African American. The young man's 180 page manifesto reveals that he was a hate-filled white supremacist. He was a proponent of violence toward those who are a different color than him. This young man's vicious attack on African-American people who were shopping for groceries is mind numbing and tragic. He targeted this store, after researching the neighborhood. The Tops Market on the east side of Buffalo is only five or six blocks from the Lutheran Church of Our Savior where my friend served a total of nine years in two interims. He and his wife are members there. It is a mixed race congregation.

Ruth Whitfield, age 86, was one of the victims of the shooting. She was on her way from visiting her husband at the nursing home, and stopped to pick up groceries. She didn't make it home. "During his 30 years with the Buffalo Police Department, Aaron Salter, Jr. earned a reputation for bravery, with more than one of his exploits recorded in the local newspaper, The Buffalo News. He once chased down an arsonist, the newspaper reported, and another occasion he faced down a burglar armed with a shotgun." (NYTs). He was working at the Tops Market in security, a far safer job, one would think, when the 18-year old entered the store, and Mr. Salter confronted him, but died in the assault. Another of the victims was Pearly Young, age 77, who for 25 years ran a food pantry in Buffalo. Her family said she loved singing, dancing and being with family. She was a mother, grandmother, and missionary. She loved her church. Three of the human faces of this tragedy. Racism is an ugly disease. It can lead to propaganda that leads to murder. I weep as I think of these people who died, who should still be alive. And, like you, wonder how this could happen. Of course, it is just one case of many in recent years, motivated by hatred.

This fills me and millions with lament and grief for our nation, the victims, and this young man. Where did he take this very wrong turn? He was reading literature that was suggesting that Caucasian Americans are being "supplanted" by non-white people. He was immersed in White-supremacist propaganda. He was messed up. He felt called to help remedy this situation by killing people of color, among whom were the three decent, community-minded folks above. People out shopping for groceries.

There is a very tragic history of racism, and white supremacy, in our nation. We are all aware of this. As people of faith, we believe that every person is created "in the image of God" no matter what the color of their skin, hair, or eyes, gender, employment, sexual orientation, economic level, or education. Hatred toward a group of people is a slap in the face of God. We, who claim to be Christ followers must do all we can to acknowledge that all people are created equal, are created in the image of God, and are to be loved.

America is changing and becoming more diverse every decade. I urge us to embrace the differences. I believe we can celebrate that we are a multi-ethnic nation of immigrants. Our nation is more rich and has been enriched by this diversity. Yet, we have a mixed history around the “welcoming” of those different from us.

June 5th is Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon people of all nations and languages in Jerusalem. This story, as well as so much of the New Testament is a reminder of God’s calling to love the neighbor, and to see them as created in the image of God. May the Spirit inspire us to become more like Jesus.

Pastor Dan

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

Ryan & Laura Anderson	Kyle & Amy Dougherty	Sheila & Leroy Fahje
Jay & Joleen Hanson	* Allan & Elizabeth Harris	Carole Johnson
Bruce & Laura McCormack	Allen & Julie Monroe	Jason & Selena Reed
Marilyn Smith	Jon & Shana Ulrich	* Ward & Carol Voorhees
Steve & Sherri Wagner		

☐ **Lunch Bunch** meets on Wednesday, June 1st at 11:30am at Pizza Hut in Morris. Join us...all are welcome!

☐ **Newsletter Deadline** for the July newsletter is noon on Thursday, June 23.

☐ **Zipporah Bible Study** meets on Thursday, June 16th 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, June 5th 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 dates are: October 2, November 27 and December 24. 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.

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

April 22 Happy Birthday Kellen Erdahl from Bernice Edahl
May 1 In honor of our veterans
May 4 In memory of Ruth Boser from Cheryl Higgins
May 5 In memory of Irene Henjum from Cheryl Higgins
May 6 In memory of Irene Henjum from Marlene Seip
May 7 In memory of Irene Henjum from Jo Solvie
May 8 In memory of Mimi Fennel from Jo Solvie
May 20 In loving memory of Dale Crow from his family
May 20 Happy Anniversary Barry & Nancy Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
May 24 in memory of Alexandra Rose Curfman from Grandpa Pam
May 27 Happy Birthday Charli Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
May 28 In honor of Corrie Erdahl’s high school graduation from Bernice Erdahl

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. Contact Rita in the church office if you need more information. You may give this in memory, or in honor, of someone. Thank you for your support of our missionaries!

Congratulations!



Shannon Ruth Dougherty

Parents: Kyle & Amy Dougherty

Future Plans: Attend University of Minnesota Morris, majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Spanish, and will be on the Cougar Swim Team.

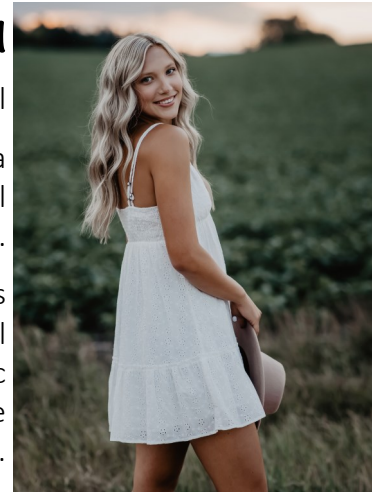
High School Activities: Captain of the swimming, basketball and softball teams. National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America (national qualifier), Student Council, Senior Class President, Board Officer for LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization), and a Preschool/Kindergarten Sunday school teacher.

Brienna Reese Dybdahl

Parents: Terry & Jill Dybdahl

Future Plans: University of North Dakota to study Communication Sciences & Disorders; followed by graduate school for Speech-Language.

High School Activities: Volleyball, Softball, Basketball, Business Professionals of America, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Model at Inherit Clothing Company. Awards: Academic All-State Award, WC All-Conference Player, WC Outstanding Pitcher of the Year, MAHS Citizenship Award and Student of the Quarter.



Corrie Jayne Erdahl



Parents: Brian & Ann Erdahl

Future Plans: South Dakota State University with plans to major in Advertising.

High School Activities: Student Council, Hockey and Volleyball Manager

Isabel Kathryn Fynboh



Parents: Greg & Naomi Fynboh

Future Plans: Gustavus Adolphus College and major in Communications and Spanish.

High School Activities: Basketball, Cross Country (team captain, All-Conference, 5 year letter), Track & Field (team captain, All-Conference, 4 year letter).

Jazlynn Michelle Hilbrands



Parents:
Matt & Adrienna Hilbrands

Future Plans:
South Dakota State University and major in Animal Science with an Industry Relations specialization and a minor in Agribusiness Marketing.

High School Activities:
FFA, 4-H, and Minnesota Jr. Simmental Association.

Brandon Audray Jergenson



Parents:
Rob & Peg Jergenson

Future Plans: University of North Dakota to earn a business degree.

High School Activities:
Football, basketball, baseball, choir, FFA, and is an honor roll student.



Reid Connor Ketterling

Parents: Dennis & Natalie Ketterling

Future Plans: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and major in Animal Science with a minor in Biology, and from there receive a doctorate in pre-vet.

High School Activities: Football, EMR Certified, Student of the Quarter, Student Treasurer of the Student Support Fund.

Grace Louise Mortenson

Parents: Matt & Natasha Mortenson

Future Plans: North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton for generals and will transfer to West Texas A & M University for a degree in Agriculture Education.

High School Activities: Gators Swim/Dive Team, Morris Area FFA (Chapter President), Stevens County 4-H, Minnesota FFA Region 3-Star Farmer and State Degree Recipient.



Madelyn Nicole Siegel

Parents: Chris & Bobbi Siegel

Future Plans: Minnesota State University-Mankato to major in Elementary Education.

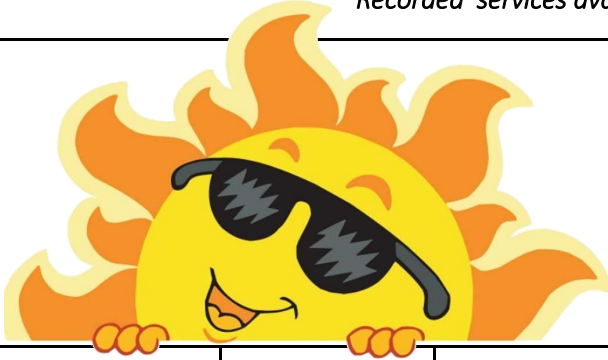
High School Activities: Gymnastics, Track, Cross Country, Student Council, National Honor Society and was Student Council President during her senior year.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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June 2022

All worship services are in-person, in addition to being streamed live via Facebook and YouTube.
Recorded services available on our website at www.flcmorris.org



			1 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Pizza Hut	2 6pm Property Committee Mtg	3	4 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
5 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 12:00pm Gatherings for Widows & Widowers at Common Cup	6	7 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	8	9 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 10:00am Pastor at Skyview Plaza Worship	10 3pm Mission & Evang. Meeting	11 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
12 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee Hour	13	14 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:30pm Worship & Music Meeting	15	16 2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall	17	18 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
19 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	20	21 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 7:00pm Council Meeting	22	23 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 12pm Newsletter Articles Due	24	25 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
26 9:30am Worship HC (Blue Hymnal) 10:30am Coffee Hour	27	28 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	29	30		

Rita will be in the church office on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00am to 12:00pm,
but is available Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 5:00pm by email, phone, or text message (320.287.2384)

June Worship Servants

Sunday, June 5: 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Dick Smith, Ward Voorhees, Michael Bjorklund

Nursery: Mike Odello

Video: Kyle Dougherty

Lector: Cathy Anderson

Acolyte: Isaac Just & Arora Nemmers

TV slides: Dane Dybdahl

Sunday, June 12: 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Radio Broadcast)

Ushers: Al Harris, Doug & Sharon Ehlers

Communion: Liz Harris (silver tray)

Comm Servers: Judy Buro, Jim & Jackie Krosch

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

Lector: LeAnn Dean

Nursery: Jone Anderson

Acolyte: Giana Feuchtenberger & Ellen Reed

TV slides: Chance Buro

Sunday, June 19: 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Bob Heck, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Karen Bolling

Nursery: Lindy Ekola

Video: Dave Jungst

Lector: Dorwin Tschetter

Acolyte: Aaden Schultz & Brayden Carlson

TV slides: Grant Anderson

Sunday, June 26: 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Blue Hymnal)

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family

Acolyte: Taylor Anderson & Kye Suess

Communion: Laurie Feuchtenberger (silver tray)

Video: Mike Odello

Lector: Bob Dalager

Nursery: Pam Wiese

Comm Servers: Paul & Sandy Grove, Tim Grove

TV slides: Jennie Odello

HAPPY
Birthday

June 2: Scott Erdahl
June 3: Deanna Rosen, Madelyn Siegel,
Jon Ulrich, Everett Van Kempen
June 4: Amy Dougherty
June 5: Deb Decker, Gary Wagner
June 7: Jen Buchanan, Ann Erdahl,
Kent Swenson, LaVonne Watson
June 8: Heather Schneider, Morgan Wevley
June 9: Jean Anderson
June 10: Eric Buchanan, Marian Thraen
June 12: Lydia Fynboh
June 13: Evelyn Warnes
June 16: Denner Dougherty, Joleen Hanson
June 20: Sandy Grove, Corrine Knochenmus,
Jim Thraen, William Peterson,
Zayne Plattner
June 22: Audrey Anderson, Rebecca Nemmers
June 23: Connie Anderson, Karli Siegel
June 24: Sherry Anderson, Lana Burnett
June 25: John Huebner
June 27: Olivia Morris-Durkee, Jeanne Richards

HAPPY
Anniversary!

June 1: Arnie & Verna Sharstrom
June 4: Heather & Brad Krosch
June 6: Michelle & Steve Just
Dick & Suzanne Smith
June 7: Katie & Craig Knochenmus
June 8: Greg & Julie Thymian
June 9: Steve & Jill Van Kempen
June 10: Jim & Marian Thraen
June 11: Skip & Vicki Maanum
June 17: Adrienne & Matthew Hilbrands
June 20: Molly & Cody Krosch
June 21: Ryan & Summer Anderson
June 22: Jared & Britney House
Corrine & Gary Knochenmus
June 29: Tim & Kristin Grove
June 30: Ward & Carol Voorhees



Family Camperships!

First Lutheran's Generous Gift fund is offering two families a full campership at Luther Crest or Green Lake Bible Camp for family camp in 2022. All camp fees would be paid in full by these funds for either a 5-day camp, or a weekend camp. These two camperships are first-come, first-served. Contact Pastor Dan or Rita at the church office for more information!

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for your support of these youth! Our Fundraising is going well! If you would like to give financially to support these youth, please send back the response slip located on the bottom of this page.



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

GOAL: \$17,000



76% \$12,935

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Response Slip

Please fill this out and send to:

Trinity Lutheran Church PO Box 200, Attn: Fusion Ministry, Heather Black 200 E Main St. Cyrus, MN 56323

Your Name _____

I will Pray for the group before, during and after the Blue Ridge, NC mission trip.

Please add my cell number _____ to the prayer update so that I can specifically pray for this trip!

I have enclosed \$50 _____ \$100 _____ or another amount \$ _____ to invest in the life of the youth!

Please make checks payable to Fusion Ministry

All gifts are non-refundable

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Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:30am

broadcasted via Facebook Live;
also available on our website
and YouTube channel

Televised Services:

Tuesdays at 2:00pm

Federated: Channel 6

MediaCom: Channel 117

STAFF

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Rita Bye, Office Manager office@flcmorris.org
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Deb Mahoney, Organist/Pianist
Pastor Philip & Lou Knutson, Missionary

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