

March 2022 First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve

One of the things that growing older offers, besides more gray hair, is more perspective. As I've gotten older I appreciate this more than ever. Having solved or overcome various problems or challenges in life, and failed and succeeded in various things, gives perspective. Learning and assessment are all life skills that can grow as we grow in years. "This too shall pass," is a mantra to help in difficult situations. Counting one's blessings is a great way to live. Listening is a great skill to develop.

Many have noted, we are living in anxious times. Finding ways to manage our own anxiety can be life-affirming and benefit ourselves and everyone around us. Prayer and worship life, exercise, getting enough sleep, maintaining good social interactions (friendships, with family members, workplace colleagues), eating well, all of these are ways to manage our anxiety, live well, and be a better human being.

One of the things I think can be useful exercise (for anyone) is to take some time to ponder one's "guiding principles" for life. These are principles you seek to live by. They can help clarify. Here are a few of mine:

- I am responsible for my own being and destiny. No one else is. So I will take responsibility for my attitudes, actions, and well-being, and not blame others, while staying in touch with my family, friends, co-workers, and congregation.
- I will study the Scriptures, and other books devoted to wisdom and spirituality and the Christian life, along with good literature. These will be a regular part of my life.
- I will seek to learn from, and value, the other human beings on this planet. I am no better nor worse than any other person. Each of us are created in the image of God. Each person has something to offer.
- All of life is an opportunity to learn, to grow and to love. I'll try to learn something new every day and seek to live my life with joy.
- The father of "family systems therapy," Dr. Murray Bowen, when asked about life lessons he's learned (and he was 77 years old at the time) said, "*You have inherited a lifetime of tribulation. Everybody has inherited it. Take it over, make the most of it. And when you have decided you know the right way, do the best you can with it.*" Great advice. I am trying my best to do just that.
- I will regularly count my "top ten blessings."
- Sometimes being an astronaut and looking down from a distance on our situation can help us get perspective. Or, another way of thinking of it, is, instead of being on the sideline at the game, being up in the top bleacher at the 50 yard line – to see the whole field. That gives one a very different perspective. What might that reveal?

So, these are some of my guiding principles. Guiding principles can help us navigate the ups and downs of life. They can help us prioritize what's important, our thinking and values. What are your guiding principles?

Pastor Dan



Mid-Week Lenten Services

Music is a gift of God and can sometimes plumb the deepest places in our hearts and minds. Might God communicate through contemporary music and musicians today? Who might surprise you with the depth of their convictions? What are intersections with the Scriptures?

How can this enrich our journeys? This year's Midweek Lenten series will explore the intersection between popular music and our life of faith. The Spirit has inspired poets to express deep truths through the Scriptures (think Psalms). The idea here is that some contemporary musicians (and music) are vessels through whom God can communicate truth, beauty, justice, wisdom and salvation. How can they inspire our hearts and minds? We will explore these creative singer-songwriters and musician-poets, from rock to country, and more, including U2, Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, and others. Come and expand your mind and soul!

All Mid-Week Lenten Services at 6:00pm

- † Ash Wed., March 2
- † Wed., March 9
- † Wed., March 16
- † Wed., March 23
- † Wed., March 30
- † Wed., April 6

More details to come in our April newsletter!

				† Palm Sunday, April 10
				† Maundy Thursday, April 14
				† Good Friday, April 15
				† Easter Sunday, April 17

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

Justin & Lori Anderson

Ryan & Summer Anderson

Ray & Robi Bowman

Judy Buro

Matt & Cari Burnett

LeAnn Dean

Kellie Hentges

Linda Holland

Craig & Katie Knochenmus

Gary & Corrine Knochenmus

Matt & Natasha Mortenson

Dave Nelson

Ally & Hannah Plattner

Marlene Seip

Chris & Bobbi Siegel

- ☐ **Lunch Bunch** meets on Wednesday, March 2nd at 11:30am at Old #1 in Morris. Join us...all are welcome!
- ☐ **Newsletter Deadline** for the April newsletter is noon on Tuesday, March 22.
- ☐ **Zipporah Bible Study** meets on Thursday, March 17th 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, March 6th 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: April 24, June 12, August 14, 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.



Choir Director We would like to reignite the Choir at First Lutheran. If you feel called to serve as Choir Director of First Lutheran, please contact the church office or Pastor Dan.

Senior Care Coordinator If you like working with seniors and are open to visiting people in their homes and care centers, please contact Pastor Dan. This is a paid position for one who has the gifts and interest.

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

- Feb 1 In memory of John Solvie on his birthday from his family
- Feb 10 In memory of Delane Olson from Emilie Brustuen
- Feb 11 In memory of Eyvonne Thielke from Emilie Brustuen
- Feb 12 In memory of Jennine Heisler from Jo Solvie
- Feb 13 In memory of Faye Wohlrabe from Jo Solvie
- Feb 14 In memory of Bev Vikander from Jo Solvie
- Feb 17 In loving memory of Lenore Anderson on her daughter's birthday from pat Smith
- Feb 20 In memory of Marvel Anderson on her birthday from Allan Anderson and family
- Feb 20 Happy Birthday Nancy Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
- Feb 23 In loving memory of son Bruce from Allan Anderson

- Feb 20 ELCA Lutheran Worship Hour radio broadcast (KMRS) given in memory of Marvel Anderson

In January of this year, the Evangelism and Mission Committee chose new missionaries to support in their mission and ministry in Southern Africa. 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 new missionaries!



Element Youth in 6th-8th Grade

Element Classes will not be meeting during the Lenten Season.

All students are expected to attend and participate in the mid-week services held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. Element will resume on Wednesday, April 20th.

Sr. High Fusion Youth: Youth in 9th-12th Grade

- Sunday, March 6: Sr. High Fusion 6:30-8pm at FIRST Lutheran
- Friday, March 11: Toby Mac Concert, at the Fargo Dome (times TBA)
- Sunday, March 13: Sr. High Fusion 6:30-8pm at FIRST Lutheran
- Sunday, March 20: Sr. High Fusion 6:30-8pm at FIRST Lutheran
- Sunday, March 27: Sr. High Fusion 6:30-8pm at FIRST Lutheran



We only have a few tickets left!
Friday, March 11th at the Fargo Dome
Contact Heather Black if you are interested.

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Sometimes plans change, so please check out Fusion's updated website for more information. www.fusion-ministry.com
 Join us on social media Facebook@fusion56267 and Instagram@fusion56267



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!

March Worship Servants

Ash Wednesday, March 2: 6:00pm Worship

Ushers: Al Harris, Tim & Kristin Grove family
Lector: Laurie Feuchtenberger **Acolyte:** Tyson & Ian Grove
Communion: Liz Harris **Nursery:** Kristin Grove
Video: Tony Feuchtenberger **TV slides:** Giana F.

Sunday, March 6: 9:30am Worship/10am Sunday school

Ushers: Bob Heck, Linda Holland & Scott Staples
Lector: LeAnn Dean
Acolyte: Jennie Odello & Arora Nemmers
Communion: Linda Holland **Nursery:** Ann Erdahl
Video: Mike Odello **TV slides:** Ward Voorhees

Wednesday, March 9: 6:00pm Worship

Ushers: Dick Smith, Ryan & Summer Anderson family
Lector: Element students **Nursery:** Lindy Ekola
Acolyte: Grant Anderson & Kye Suess
Video: Dave Jungst **TV slides:** Owen Anderson

Sunday, March 13: 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family, Kellie & Owen Hentges
Lector: Bob Dalager
Acolyte: Sawyer & Lydia Fynboh
Nursery: Vicki Dalager
Video: Steve Wagner **TV slides:** Grant Anderson

Wednesday, March 16: 6:00pm Worship

Ushers: Bob Heck, Brian & Ann Erdahl family
Lector: Element students **Nursery:** Bobbi Siegel
Acolyte: Aaden Schultz & Brayden Carlson
Video: Mike Odello **TV slides:** Connor Siegel

Sunday, March 20: 9:30am Worship/10am Sunday school

Ushers: Dick Smith, Dave Jungst, Lindy Ekola
Lector: Amy Dougherty
Acolyte: Sarah Dougherty & Charli Erdahl
Communion: Judy Buro
Nursery: Sandy Grove
Video: Kyle Dougherty **TV slides:** Chance Buro

Wednesday, March 23: 6:00pm Worship

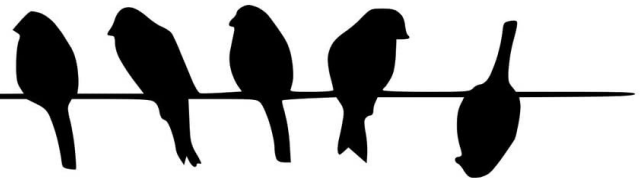
Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family
Lector: Element students **Nursery:** Michelle Just
Acolyte: Abigail Anderson & Brenna Jergenson
Video: Steve Wagner **TV slides:** Taylor Anderson

Sunday, March 27: 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Al Harris, Dennis & Laurie Feuchtenberger,
Michael Bjorklund
Lector: Ward Voorhees **Nursery:** Pam Wiese
Acolyte: Giana Feuchtenberger & Ian Grove
Video: Tony Feuchtenberger **TV slides:** Tyson Grove

Wednesday, March 30: 6:00pm Worship

Ushers: Bob Heck, Greg & Naomi Fynboh family
Lector: Element students **Nursery:** Jone Anderson
Acolyte: Connor Siegel & Dane Dybdahl
Video: Dave Jungst **TV slides:** Arora Nemmers



HAPPY
Birthday

March 1: Amy Stallman
March 2: Mark Nemmers, Ashford Swenson
March 3: Terry Dybdahl, Stan Staples,
Harriet Stevenson
March 4: Justin Durkee
March 5: Jeremy Heck
March 6: Janis Waller
March 7: Denise Odello, Lauren Peterson,
Ellen Reed, Ruby Swenson
March 8: Bob Dalager
March 9: Tom Schneider
March 12: Gerald Thorstad
March 13: Diane Nelson
March 14: Dani Schultz Kangas

March 15: Deb Mahoney
March 16: Cowan Mortenson
March 17: Jay Hanson, Allan Harris, Dale Peterson
March 18: Gwen Rudney
March 19: Lauren Carlson, Michael Lair, Jean Schultz
March 21: Colby Schultz, Maela Suess, Amy Werk
March 22: Travis Beyer
March 23: Barry Erdahl
March 24: Shane Decker
March 25: Marleen Nelson
March 26: Samantha Buro Fowler, Jaxon Hilbrands, Kyler Smith
March 28: Blake Amundson, Mark Huebner, Heather Krosch,
Nathan Smith
March 29: Dennis Feuchtenberger
March 31: Philip Rosen

HAPPY
Anniversary!

March 20: Bruce & Laura McCormack

March 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>All worship services are in-person, in addition to being streamed live via Facebook. Recorded services available on our website at www.flcmorris.org</i></p> <p>**Holy Communion served on the 1st, 2nd and 5th Sundays of each month.</p>		<p>1 11am Pastor's Text Study</p>	<p>2 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Old #1 6pm Ash Wed Worship w/HC (No Element)</p>	<p>3 3pm Pastor at West Wind Village Worship</p>	<p>4 3pm Mission & Evang. Meeting</p>	<p>5 8am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran</p>
<p>6 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10-11 am Sunday school 10:30 am Coffee Hour 12pm Gatherings for Widows & Widowers at Common Cup 3-4pm Cub Scouts 6:30-8pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST</p>	<p>7 6:00pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>8 11:00am Pastor's Text Study</p>	<p>9 6pm Midweek Lenten Worship (No Element) 7pm Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>10 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 10am Pastor at Skyview Plaza Worship</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 8am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran</p>
<p>13 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion No Sunday school 10:30am Coffee Hour 3:00pm Glacial Ridge Conf Annual Meeting 6:30-8:00pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 11am Pastor's Text Study 7pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>16 6pm Midweek Lenten Worship (No Element)</p>	<p>17 2pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 8am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran</p>
<p>20 9:30am Worship 10-11am Sunday school 10:30am Coffee Hour 3-4pm Cub Scouts 6:30-8pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST</p>	<p>21 6pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>22 11am Pastor's Text Study 12pm Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>23 6pm Midweek Lenten Worship (No Element)</p>	<p>24 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 8am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran</p>
<p>27 9:30am Worship No Sunday school 10:30am Coffee Hour 6:30-8pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 11am Pastor's Text Study</p>	<p>30 6pm Midweek Lenten Worship (No Element)</p>	<p>31</p>		

Rita will be in the church office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00am to 12:00pm, but is available by email, phone call or text message Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

First Lutheran Church Council Board Meeting Tuesday, February 15, 2022

The February meeting of First Lutheran's Church Council met on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 and was called to order by President Eugene Anderson at 7:13pm. Present: Eugene Anderson, John Dosedall, Jackie Huebner, and Tony Feuchtenberger. Absent: Allyn Plattner and Jason Reed. Staff present: Pastor Dan Belgum and Rita Bye (by Zoom). A devotion and opening prayer was given by Pastor Dan.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the January council meeting were reviewed by each council member. No corrections or additions; John moved to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Tony. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports were reviewed by each member. Tony moved to accept the financial reports as printed, Jackie seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: A written report was given to each council member. Pastor spoke on a few highlights including: the Annual Meeting, FLC hosting the Glacial Ridge Conference Assembly this March, Lenten worship, Council Retreat at Luther Crest, and family camperships.

Committee Reports:

- Mission & Evangelism Committee: The committee is planning events for the coming year, including adding temple talks at worship.
- Property Committee: Tony will contact Steve Wagner about switching the church's insurance.

Old Business

- Pew cushion update: Order has been finalized and will take at least 10-12 weeks for arrival.
- Theatre Room & Fellowship Hall TV update: Both TVs have been installed.
- Annual Meeting: the annual meeting will be broadcasted on our Facebook page for those that can't attend. Nominating Committee has secured names for the council positions on the ballot, a catered meal from Pizza Ranch will be served following the meeting.
- Organic Recycling Container: item has been tabled until next month.

New Business

- Family Camperships: discussion was held on using funds from Generous Gifts to offer 2 family camperships to attend either a 5-day or weekend family camp at Luther Crest or Green Lake Bible Camp, with the entire campership fee (around \$400-\$750) to be paid from Generous Gift Fund. John made a motion to offer these 2 camperships, on a first-come, first-served basis, to any family at FLC that wishes to attend. Seconded by Jackie. Motion carried.
- Office Hours: some discussion was held on Rita's and Pastor Dan's in-office work hours. Church office hours will be posted in the newsletter each month.
- Next Council meeting to be on Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bye, Recording Secretary

Approved/edited by Jackie Huebner, Council member

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