

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"I am the Lord, the God of every person on the earth. Nothing is impossible for me."

Jeremiah 32:27

God is in control.
We are not.
Lighten your load
and "Let go and
Let God!"

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am

EVENTS

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesdays 10 am

**In Person in
Fellowship Hall**

and/or Conference
Call 339.209.5700

The Chosen Bible Study

Continuing

Wednesdays 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Grief Journey

Tuesdays beginning
August 10th 1:30-3:00
Fellowship Hall/
Lounge

SCRIPTURE FOR SERVICE

Lesson:

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Psalms

34:1-8

Gospel:

John 6:35, 41-51

MIDWEEK MESSAGES

August 4, 2021

MEET YOUR BISHOP: THE REV. DEBORAH K. HUTTERER



The Reverend Deborah K. Hutterer was ordained in 2004. She earned a Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication from Augsburg University. She is a life-long Lutheran brought to the denomination by default and stayed by choice. Growing up one mile from her church in St. Paul, Minnesota, she would often take the bus to church, and spend as much time there as she could. It was there that she experienced Christian community. This is where she heard Jesus' call to ministry but was told women couldn't be pastors. Later in life that call was rekindled, which led her to congregational service, Lutheran college, seminary, and ordination to the public ministry.

Prior to her ordination, Hutterer created and launched two businesses, worked in the insurance industry, and held many positions at Augsburg College, including Peace Prize Forum Coordinator, collaborating with the Midwest Lutheran colleges to promote peace education and collaboration with the Nobel Institute in Oslo, Nobel Peace Laureates, and college students.

Hutterer has served in several ministry settings. She served as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pontiac, Illinois, from 2004 to 2007. She was executive director of Faith in the City in Minneapolis from 2008 to 2012. She was Chief Development Officer of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW) from 2012 to 2018.

As Chief Development Officer at LSS-SW, she traveled extensively throughout Arizona preaching, presiding, or presenting at many congregations and ministry groups on topics such as refugee resettlement, child abuse prevention, and aging. In October 2020, she was elected to the executive committee of the Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Her leadership experience in faith-based non-profits and higher education broadened her awareness and appreciation for God's multi-faceted ministry working with colleagues, congregations, ecumenical and interfaith partners.

Personal and professional challenges have caused Hutterer to grow and constantly pushed her to trust the promise of death, resurrection, and new life. As she journeys through this call as bishop, she trusts God's leadership, guidance, and presence, and calls you to join her, using all of the gifts each of us has to be Jesus in the world today.

In 2011 she lost her first husband, Gary Erickson, to ALS. In May 2019, Deborah married Reverend Alan Field. She has two adult children, Mitch Hutterer and Marissa Machado, who reside in Minnesota with her five grandchildren. Her parents Jerry and Evelyn Spiess live in Sun City West, Arizona.

GRIEF JOURNEY

The grief support group, Grief Journey, will begin Tuesday, August 10th, not August 11th as stated previously. It will be at 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm in the Lounge and facilitated by Linda Shirck. For questions, please contact Linda Shirck at 623-308-4032 or lshirck70@gmail.com.

DAVID LIVINGSTON MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, August 13, 2021

8:00 a.m. Arizona Time

Livestreamed at

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahUrbana>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC49CHZbjYZoLfZ19sfit2sw/>

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT by Toni Molck, Operations Coordinator

Pastor Harold Peterson: Part II

I asked Harold to share his Pastoral journey – names of Churches and some highlights at each. The blessings in his journey are so abundant, but I must condense due to space – so here we go:

1. **Mt. Hope Lutheran in West Alice, WI** was Harold's Internship assignment the third year of Seminary. After completing the internship in June 1956, Harold was ordained in his home Church -- Emmanuel Lutheran outside of Cashton, WI by the President of Luther College!
2. **Trinity Lutheran Church in Battle Lake, MN** was Harold's first parish where he pastored six years overseeing two congregations. (Trinity Lutheran and Trefoldighed Lutheran, a nearby small country church).
3. **First Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI** was his next call where he served a congregation of 3,300 members for six years -- initially as their Assistant Pastor. When the Senior Pastor was called to the National Lutheran Council office in New York City, Harold stepped into the role of Lead Pastor for over two years.
4. **Trinity Lutheran in Sparta, WI** was his next Pastorate for three years. Harold said the highlight from this assignment was having his mentor/friend Ollie Swanson from his childhood in the congregation. Harold learned of many seminary students that she financially supported through the years on her small income.



5. **First Lutheran Church of Stoughton, WI** became home for 17 years for Pastor Harold and family where he served as the Senior Pastor. First Lutheran, about 2500 members, was known for the Choir, Cantatas and beautiful Worship. Harold and Margene loved the family-oriented community, the perfect place to raise their children.

After their kids graduated from High School, Harold felt it was time for a change and he made himself available for a new call.....

6. **Galilee Lutheran Church in Pewaukee, WI** (a Milwaukee suburb) with 700 members was the new call – for three years. He was the only Pastor -- NO staff to assist except for one secretary who Harold was very thankful for. He focused much time on building up the struggling youth program, "Luther League" which grew into a thriving youth ministry.
7. **Shepherd of the Desert here in Sun City, AZ** with about 675 members became Harold and Margene's last official ministry assignment from 1988 – 1996. The move across the country was also in preparation for their retirement at some point. Shepherd of the Desert was the first Lutheran Church in Sun City and many members of the Sun City Posse were Pastor Harold's parishioners.

After 42 years in ministry, Pastor Harold retired in 1996. He and Margene joined American Lutheran Church where he was surprised to find about 10 people from his former Churches attending ALC as well! Blessed again!

In closing, Pastor Harold wanted to say, "After my wife, Margene died, I found it helped to keep involved in serving others. Make sure to socialize and help where you can – it gives you purpose, it gives life meaning. God made us to be there for one another."