



# First Lutheran Church

June 2019

## **GOD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS, HIS WONDERS TO BEHOLD!**

God's ways are not our ways, and His thoughts are not our thoughts! Just ask Philip who was called to minister to the Ethiopian Eunuch on the Damascus Road, or the Apostles who were driven out of Jerusalem by persecution so that the Gospel could be preached to the whole world. Or ask Pastor Philip Weller of Minnesota.

Philip Weller was a Sr. pastor serving a large Lutheran congregation near Minneapolis. The congregation was in a growing community, so the church was also growing.

All was well until one day, on his day off, he went out to plant a tree in the front yard of his home. As he lifted the new tree to set it into the hole he had prepared, something went terribly wrong. He said his vision began to fade away and his world was becoming dark. He immediately went to the ER and they brought in a specialist who gave him the bad news. The damage to his eyes could not be corrected. He would spend the rest of his life blind.

He said that he was sitting around feeling sorry for himself, thinking life was over and that God had abandoned him when he discovered something amazing. There was a large blind community near his home who had no pastor willing to serve them and had been praying for God to send them a pastor.

God led him to a new ministry serving a group of people who desperately needed spiritual care. He admitted that he would never have known they existed if he had not been struck blind. God challenges us in difficult times not to give up, but to look for God's hand at work in our lives.

--Pastor Steve

## **Worship Service Schedule**

### **Sunday Morning:**

**8:30 a.m.**

Traditional Worship  
Service

**9:45 a.m.**

Sunday School &  
Bible Classes

**11:00 a.m.**

Blended  
Contemporary  
Worship Service

*Holy Communion will  
be celebrated the first  
and second Sundays  
this month.*