

June
2015

Pastor's Page

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Behold, I make all things new.

Revelation 21:5

In 1969 Elisabeth Küebler-Ross (K-R) published her landmark study *On Death and Dying*. While specifically dealing with medical death, her paradigm applies equally well to other “deaths,” including non-medical trauma like the retirement of a pastor. The paradigm is reproduced on the next page (along with how it might work out in an “early retirement” situation – you can adjust it for your feelings now, as Dawn and I have).

It is imperative to remember:

- Everyone transverses the paradigm in their own fashion. Some of the phenomena are experienced (or even not consciously experienced) at a minimal level, sometimes so small so as to be “none” at all.
- The paradigm applies to groups, even cultures, as well as to individuals.

The ELCA call process is designed to enable a K-R process to occur; for a maximum healthy process, it is best to avoid shortcuts. At the same time, it is also important that people do not become bogged down in specific steps of the processes.

Throughout most of the process, K-R perceives a layer of Hope. We would call it Faith. Faith is the certainty that God is working, even through and in spite of human processes. We would like to live with absolute certainty; God gifts us with faith-full certainty. The End may not be exactly what we sought, but it will be God's end ... in God's time ... for God's purposes. And in this we live and rejoice.

¹NY: The Macmillan Company.

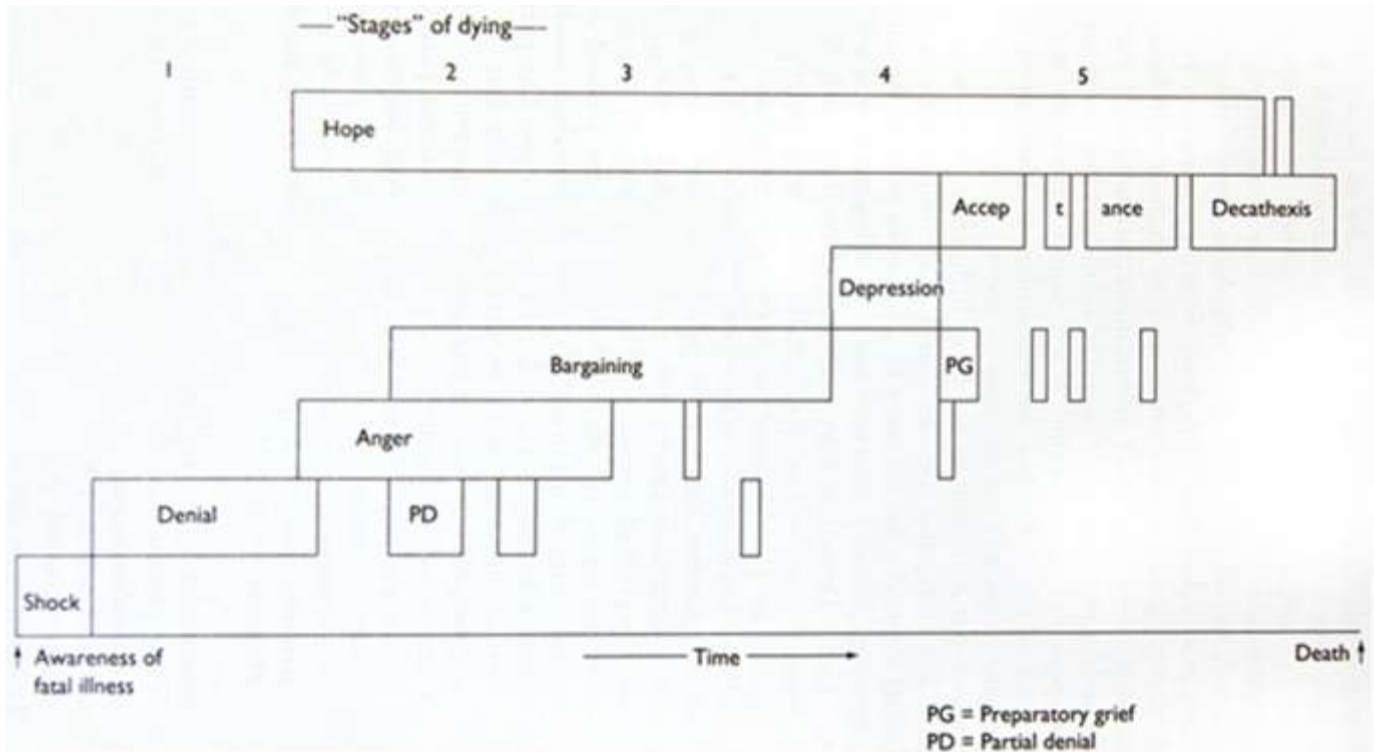
²Such as loss of employment, property, spouse/fiancé, CEO/boss, etc.

³Both Call Process and K-R Process.



Original K-R Diagram

ODaD, p. 264.



Stages of Grief and Retirement

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Grief Stage	Terminally Ill Patient Response	Impending Retiree Response
Denial	This can't be happening to me!	Surely I am not that old!
Anger	Why is this happening to me?	What a stupid policy-mandatory retirement at 60!
Bargaining	I promise I'll be a better person if...	Maybe I can get an extension!
Depression	I don't care anymore.	Why should I try to do a good job anymore?
Acceptance	I'm ready for whatever comes.	I can enjoy a new life in retirement!

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Worship Plans for June

“Empowered by Pentecost”

We have heard the Jesus Story, from Prophecy to Pentecost, from Advent to Ascension, from God’s People seeking a Savior to the risen reality of a cosmic Christ, reaching out to all the world, breaking what many thought were traditional boundaries.

The Pentecost season is cast in green, the color of (most of) our lawn and vegetable plants, the color of growth. In the five months of the Pentecost Season, we hear how Jesus *applied* God’s Very Good News (Gospel) to practical, every-day spirituality. We grow in God’s grace and love (Word-and-Sacrament fertilizer) so that we may produce the fruits of faith in our life and community.

This year’s “Long Green” has but one “Saint’s Day” – Luke, physician, missionary companion of Saint Paul, and writer of the Third Gospel and Acts – along with the regular “Sunday Feasts of Trinity (31 May), Reformation (25 October), and All Saints Day (1 November).

Welcome to the Pentecost Party

24 May – Feast of Pentecost (Red)	“Growing Testimony”	John 15:27
31 May – Feast of the Trinity (White)	“From Birth to Rebirth”	John 3:3
7 June – 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	“One Big Family”	Mark 3:35
14 June – 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	“The Mystery of Planting”	Mark 4:27
21 June – 4 th Sunday after Pentecost	“Asleep with Jesus”	Mark 4:38
28 June – 5 th Sunday after Pentecost	“Two for One”	Mark 5:21



Jesus: “The light of the Empty Tomb”

**Are you unable to be at church?
Pastor Zetto will be glad to commune you at home.
Call the church office (713-468-9443) or Pastor at home (281-599-0885).**

June 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1 Bob Baier Square Dance 7:30 FH	2 Parkinson's Support 10:00 FH Parish Choir Practice 7:30 CL	Crop Garden Quilting Min
7 Cancer Survivor Coffee Time 8:30 FH Sunday School 9:15 ED Worship 10:30 Executive Meeting Mtg 11:45 LR	8 Women's Bible Study 7:30 LR Bob Baier Square Dance 7:30 FH	9 Parkinson's Support 10:00 FH Council Meeting 7:15 LR	Crop Garden Quilting Min
14 Thanksgiving for Baptism Coffee Time 8:30 FH Sunday School 9:15 ED Worship 10:30 Outreach Meeting Mtg 12:00	15 Service Ministry Meeting 6:30 LR Bob Baier Square Dance 7:30 FH	16 Parkinson's Support 10:00 FH Parish Choir Practice 7:30 CL	Crop Garden Quilting Min
21 Communion Caregivers Coffee Time 8:30 FH Sunday School 9:15 ED Worship 10:30	22 Women's Bible Study 7:30 LR Bob Baier Square Dance 7:30 FH	23 Parkinson's Support 10:00 FH Parish Choir Practice 7:30 CL	Crop Garden Quilting Min
28 Coffee Time 8:30 FH Sunday School 9:15 ED Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:45 KG POTLUCK LUNCHEON 11:45 FH	29 Bob Baier Square Dance 7:30 FH	Pastor's Zetto Last day Parkinson's Support 10:00 FH Parish Choir Practice 7:30 CL	30



July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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DEADLINE: JULY 2015 CONTACT



Worship Participants

Please volunteer: Worship Participants	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Assisting Minister	Joyce Kennedy	John McMurray	Hub Tett	Dawn Zetto
Lector	Scott Pierce	Joyce Kennedy	Scott Pierce	Mike Riggs
Communion Server	Elaine Riggs	Doris Bosse	Joyce Kennedy	Angela Richter
Ushers	Stuart Moen	Stuart Moen		
Acolyte	Kennedy Havens	Kennedy Havens		Andrew and Jack Lutz
Greeter	Barbara Elrod	Zaozirny's	Mary Hodde	
Altar Guild	Joyce Kennedy	Joyce Kennedy	Tomiko Mita- Mayo	Joyce Kennedy
Counter	Linda Richter	Linda Richter	Linda Richter	Linda Richter
Flowers	Whitefield	Doris Bosse	Whitefield	McMurray

Thank You
so much
for all your
Help . . .





VBS July 27-31

We are holding VBS at our church from July 27th-31st and we can accept up to 30 youth, kindergarten-5th grade. The theme this year is from **Micah 6:8**

“Act...Love...Walk”

The full Scripture is “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?”

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Please let your neighbors, friends and family know to spread the word. It is truly a top notch VBS program!

Registration continues until capacity reached.

Questions? Call Karen (713)446-8678 or email karenwhitefield@me.com.

Do you want to help with VBS but don't know what's needed?

- 1). We are looking for members to take the three counselors out to dinner while they are with us. Sign ups will be in the Narthex in July.
- 2). We will also be accepting donations for the “Daily Bread” project this year, a service project filling back packs with school supplies for needy children. Stay tuned for more information!



Are you still Spring Cleaning?

We want your stuff!

On September 19th we will have a congregation wide garage sale. The proceeds from the sale will benefit the Learning Ministry to help fund our Lutherhill-run VBS, which we provide at no charge to youth in the community. Please contact Karen Whitefield if you have items you want to donate and pick up can be arranged.

(713)446-8678 or karenwhitefield@me.com.



Director of Church Music Pamela Tamburello

With growth around us in our yards and gardens, in the church we reflect that growth in our worship spaces. In June we transition to the “green season” and we see that in our Sanctuary. We will be journeying through this season for quite some time, as the season of Pentecost goes well into the autumn months.

This is a time for growing in our faith lives as well. Even if you do not attend a bible study, there are other materials that can be used at home. One of those resources is our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. The following gives some background information on this worship book.

A Brief History of Our Worship Resource

In response to a growing need for a new generation of worship resources, a primary worship book for the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) was developed through the Renewing Worship project, which began in 2000.

This project was built around a series of provisional worship resources that were tested in thousands of Lutheran congregations. Feedback from these congregations guided every aspect of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. On this solid foundation, the 2005 ELCA and ELCIC (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada) national gatherings strongly affirmed moving forward with *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* as a faithful next step for worship in our church.

This Resource is a Great Devotional Tool

Evangelical Luther Worship, the worship resource for our church, provides great resources for families at home. These resources include:

- Prayers for Particular Times: Worship, The Church, Congregational Life, Mission, Civic Life, Social Ministry, Stewardship, Creation, Life Passages, Daily Life, Affirmation of Christian Vocation, Healing, and Spiritual Life.
- Psalms: This book includes all 150 of the psalms. Originally intended to be sung, the psalms are a wonderful resource for family devotions.
- Daily Lectionary: This provides bible passages for each day in the year. Found in the back of ELW, it lists three bible readings for each day. It is separated into the three sets of years, A, B, and C. We are currently in year B, which begins on page 1132. If you need help in finding where we are in that year, please give me a call. I'd be happy to help you get started.
- The Small Catechism: This teaching tool, which was prepared by Martin Luther, is a new addition in our worship book. Not included in our former hymnal, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, this includes particular blessings for portions of our day (Morning Blessing, Evening Blessing, and Table Blessings).

While *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* contains ten Holy Communion settings, some other settings work very well for family devotions. Responsive Prayer, found on page 328, could be used in this way.

Please consider using this wonderful resource as part of your daily devotions. If you would like to have a copy of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, please contact me at the church office or by e-mail. I would love to help you to dig deeper into this marvelous book!



RETIREMENT LUNCHEON JUNE 28, 2015

Please join us immediately after worship on June 28 to honor and celebrate Pastor and Dawn's five years with us at MDLC and to wish them the very best as they begin retirement.

We will be serving a barbecue lunch and there may be a "going away" present or two, there will be an opportunity to "roast" or "toast" the guests sheet in the narthex.

Thank you Dawn and Pastor:

For your love, guidance and proof of affection you have shown to me during all these years! Working with you it has been a blessing.

I will miss you!

With all my love,
Lotty

Memorial Drive Lutheran Church

Prayer Request Card

For (name): _____ Date: _____

Need:

Surgery () Treatment () Recuperating () Other _____

Requested by: _____

Relationship: _____

Requester's Phone: _____



**Out next Service Ministry Meeting will be on
Monday 6-15-2015 at 6:30 p.m.**



MAM Pantry Drive Results

The month of May was MDLC's MAM Pantry Drive. Here is what we collected and deposited at MAM:

- 104 rolls of toilet paper
- 31 rolls of paper towels
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 4 containers of laundry detergent, enough for 189 loads of laundry
- 2 spray cleaners, 61 ounces total
- 2 dish soap detergent containers, 60 ounces total
- 1 32-ounce mold and mildew cleaner
- 1 25-ounce Comet
- 1 box of 15 steel wool



Thank you, MDLC. MAM recipients will appreciate your efforts.



On June 7, we observed the National Cancer Survivors Day, sponsored by CanCare and observed in churches and synagogues across the country. CanCare was founded in 1990 and partners with more than 100 corporations, hospitals and congregations of varied faiths. All of their services are confidential and provided without charge.

CanCare provides one-on-one emotional support to cancer patients and their families from a trained volunteer who has survived a similar type cancer. Six of our MDLC members have been CanCare volunteers.

MDLC is a strong supporter of CanCare, both in providing volunteers and with our yearly benevolence; we have hosted a training weekend in the past, and we hope that some of our cancer survivors would consider becoming trained volunteers.

There is an information table in the narthex with pamphlets and CanCare materials as well as Cancer Survivor badges for our members to wear if appropriate. If you would like more information on becoming a CanCare volunteer, kindly contact Nancy Morgan at 281-497-6909, call the CanCare office directly at 713-461-0028 or 888-461-0028 or go to www.cancare.org.

Happy Birthday

- 4 Robert Richter
- 6 Marshall Wegner
- 8 Elizabeth England
- 8 Chris Whitefield
- 8 Karen Whitefield
- 10 Paul Beveridge
- 16 Leah Hartwig
- 25 Janet Zaozirny

Happy Anniversary

- 12 Pam & Hub Tett
- 15 Halina & Rollie Weium
- 20 Karen & Chris Whitefield
- 29 Nancy & John McMurray
- 29 Linda & Ron Richter



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The deadline for submission of information for the July *Contact* is June 12.

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Our Mission Statement:
Memorial Drive Lutheran Church is committed to the teaching and study of the Gospel and to proclaiming Christ as our Savior as we reach out in service to all people with faith, hope, love and enthusiasm.

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