



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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ANNUAL REPORT

2019





A message from ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Dear friends in Christ,

Stepping out in faith can be difficult. Martin Luther did it in 1517. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America did it at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. This church can be bold and daring because of our scriptural and Lutheran confessional understandings. Is it easy?

No. Do we always get it right? Probably not. Where we are in error, may God correct us.

The cross is our center. Faith, grace and Scripture alone are our guides. We are church. We are compelled by the gospel and our understanding that in Christ we have been set free to love and serve the neighbor. This loving and serving of our neighbor alongside courageous and faithful leaders is what offers hope to congregations.

Over the past 18 months we have made significant strides in our work on congregational vitality. This church has multiplied its efforts and leveraged its resources to enhance vitality in congregations. Our vision continues to evolve around strengthening our relationships with God, each other and the neighbors we serve. In this way we are addressing both local and global issues by being present in our own community and proactive with issues in the broader church.

This presence is made possible in significant ways through your giving of time, talents and financial resources to our work together. The success of our recent campaign, *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, reflects the increasing

support for existing and new ministries that serve our communities here at home and others around the globe. Through regular, special and legacy gifts, \$250 million was given to support God's work. Through the spiritual practice of giving, we both acknowledge receiving God's gifts and share in God's generosity by passing on a portion to others. Together we are doing God's work in ways that we could not do otherwise.

As your congregation plans work for the coming year, I hope you will be both bold and daring, remembering God provides and desires abundant life for all. May you continue supporting God's work together with a spirit of solidarity, collaboration and generosity. We are all partners in the gospel, believing in Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the life of the world.

Stepping out in faith together,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" —2 Corinthians 5:17

First Lutheran Church
Part of the Baudette Lutheran Parish, Baudette, Minnesota

Annual Meeting
January 26, 2020 ~ 10:30 a.m.
Please bring this report with you to the meeting.

AGENDA

- I. Call to order**
- II. Devotions—Pastor Birgitte Catlin**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Approval of January 27, 2019 Minutes**
- V. Reports**
 - A. Pastors' Report
 - B. President's Report
 - C. Financial
 - D. Mission Endowment
 - E. Board of Education
 - F. Board of Property-Oral report.
 - G. Board of Worship and Music
 - H. Board of Stewardship
 - I. Board of Evangelism
 - J. Altar Guild
 - K. Parish Nurse
 - L. Women of the ELCA
 - M. Outdoor Beautification—Garden of Grace
 - N. Memorials
- VI. Order of Business**
 - A. Appoint Election Judges
 - B. Election of officers, board members, nominating committee, voting members to NWMN Synod Assembly, June 12&13 at Concordia College, Moorhead and to the Conference Gathering
 - C. Approval of Mission Plan
 - D. Old Business**
 - 1) Vote on Constitution and By-laws update. Ratify-Vote
 - 2.) Parking lot
 - E. New Business**
 - 1) Let ones know designated visual sound equipment
 - 2) Memorial ideas
 - 3) Working on committee to work on podium purchase
 - 4) LOWBC
- VII. Appreciations**
- VIII. Adjournment**
- IX. Close of Meeting with The Lord's Prayer**

First Lutheran church - 2019 ANNUAL MEETING - Jan. 27, 2019

The annual meeting of First Lutheran Church was held on Jan. 27, 2019 at 11:04 AM with President, Linda Burk calling the meeting to order. There were 32 members present.

Devotions were led by Pastor Paul by reading the Litany in the back of our report.

Approval of the agenda – motion was made by Sandy Johnson, seconded by Joyce Washburn to approve the agenda. MC

Approval of the January 28, 2018 annual meeting minutes – motion was made by Ruth Lee seconded by Jeannie Kuehl to approve these minutes. MC

Reports - a motion was made by Otto Lee seconded by Karen Hanson to approve these reports. MC

Election of offices was then opened for discussion –

The Vice President office was open and a nomination was made to nominate Linda Bauers.

Secretaries position was open and Sue Smith said she would run again.

Financial secretary was open and Becky Curran said she would run again.

A motion was made by Sandy Johnson seconded by Jeannie Haukaas to accept these people for these positions. MC

President - Linda Burk

Secretary - Susan Smith

Financial Sec. - Becky Curran

Worship and Music – Jeannie Kuehl

Evangelism–

FLCW - Karen Hanson

Vice President - Linda Bauers

Treasurer - Mark Washburn

Board of Education – Phyllis Paulsen

Property Board – Jeff Bauers

Stewardship – Eileen Cord

The 2019 Synod/Conference assembly voting members were then voted on. Being we had no one interested to go, the council will try to find someone to represent us at this meeting.

The church boards were then discussed

Education – Phyllis Paulsen – **Evangelism** – Jerry Moline,

Nominating committee – Mark Washburn – **Stewardship** – Ruth Lee, – **Worship and Music** – Jeannie Kuehl, Sue Smith, and Joyce Washburn – **Property** – Jeff Bauers, Don Smith, –

Mission Endowment Fund = Ruth Lee – **Audit** – appointed by council.

Motion was made by Jeannie Haukaas seconded by Sandy Johnson to accept these board members as presented and to elect a FLCW representative to the board. MC (This is still under the old constitution)

A motion to approve these church boards was made by Sandy Johnson seconded by Ruth Lee. MC

The mission plan (Budget) for 2019 was then discussed - Mark said that with the new pastor the figures will change some. Motion was made by Karen Hanson, seconded by Jerry Moline to approve this budget. MC

Old Business:

Constitution and By-laws – - Much discussion was held on this and all were encouraged to read this so see what the changes affected. A motion was made by Jeannie Haukaas to table the constitution vote and set another date so people could read this, seconded by Ruth Lee. April 28, 2019 after our morning service we will hold another meeting on this.

New Business:

Parking Lot recommendations were discussed and this was tabled till out April 28, 2019 meeting also. Motion was made by Jeannie Haukaas seconded by Phyllis Paulsen.

Jeannie Haukaas reported the Ploughing Championship will be held in Lake of the Woods next August 2019. Jeannie H. said she asked Bishop Wohlrabe to speak at this service and he has accepted.

Membership Roster was discussed and will be worked on when our new pastor gets here.

Installation of new officers will be on February 17, 2019.

We then had a going away time for Pastor Paul and all the board members gave him something to remember us by.

A motion was made by Otto Lee, seconded by Kathy Tischart to adjourn this meeting. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Smith, Sec.

President's Message

The Peace of Christ be with you all. In this day and age with all the things that are trying to pull us away from Christ we need to remember a song we learned in VBS that "God is good all the time, all the time God is good."

We placed a call to Pastor Birgette Catlin to be our full time pastor for the Parish with her first day of work being 4Feb2019. We have been so blessed with her presence and ideas. We look forward to many fun things and her positive outlook.

We again had noon time Lenten services along with our evening services also. It so helped those elderly and others also who preferred not doing evening driving. A light lunch was served before service began.

During the spring we had a issue with our furnace and eventually had to replace. It was a trying time but with God's help, the weather cooperating and many prayers we got thru it.

Labor Day weekend the community hosted the World Ploughing contest. We hosted the "Blessing of the Ploughs" prayer service and also a evening meal prior to service. Many thanks to Eileen and Roger Cordray and Jeff and Linda Bauers for chairing this big task. Many hands were in the mix from the entire community.

In Oct we began a new venture as a parish to hold services on Wed. evenings called Soul Food. At 5:30 pm a light meal along with a communion service and sermon were done with and education hour for all age groups at 6:30.

We had four parish wide events together as requested by pastor and had a very good response.

I want to thank all the members of this church in any capacity who help to keep things flowing smoothly. I want to especially thank my council members for all their hard work and helping me in so many ways. I especially want to thank Mark Washburn and Sue Smith for all their hard work as they go off the board and welcome our newcomers who so look forward to working with.

Love in Christ,
Linda Burk, Church Council President

Beloved in Christ,

The beginning of February will mark the one year anniversary of our time together. In this year, as my first and foremost goal, I sought to get to know you. With a group of congregations with as much history as the three of you, it is no small task. So far I have learned that you are **committed to working together**. This has not always been the case and there are still some remaining wounds left among you from times of strife between you. But like adult siblings in a complicated family, you can look back at those previous struggles and see them for what they are: in the past. In working together as a Parish, you see a future; whereas without the Parish there is no future.

I have learned that you are **curious about your faith**. Through bible studies and Sunday school, Soul Food classes and confirmation, lenten and advent devotions, I have seen that you are seeking. As good disciples, you seek a closer relationship with God. Many of you know what that closer relationship could look like but many of you are still unsure. Those of you who are not certain of the church's role in your life encourage the rest of us to ask some really important questions like, "why is church important to me?"; "why does faith matter?"; "who is the church serving?"; and many others. These questions help to guide the mission of the church and it's purpose here in Lake of the Woods.

And I have learned that you love God's people and God's creation. This love is an obvious out-pouring and byproduct of being committed to working together and having curiosity about your faith. As Martin Luther pointed out many times, faith in action is the only response to the gift of free love and grace that we receive from God. You are itching with this question: **how/who can we serve?** All that we have and all that we are come from the generosity of God and it is because of this that we then respond with our own generosity.

This year has flown quickly by as we have worked hard together through:

- Joint Worship Services
- Soul Food
- World Ploughing Competition
- Baptisms and Confirmations and Weddings and Funerals
- Care Center and Homebound Ministries
- Lenten and Holy Week Worship
- Quilting Ministries
- Pizza Nights

We have sought to serve God and God's people together.

As the new year unfolds, I look forward to more opportunities to explore the relationship of the Parish, your questions about faith, and how we can serve our community and the broader world. I plan to spend more time with you in small groups asking these questions and hearing your responses. We have a challenging task in front of us; as the statistics tell us that the church is dying, that numbers are down and the future is uncertain, we are simultaneously being called to listen to the breath of new life blowing around us. Where is the Spirit of God breathing new life into the world and how are we a part of that new life? As Romans 12:2 says, **"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."** Be transformed by the new life God is breathing into the world. This is a call to listen, imagine, and witness to God's work in the world, to discern where God is calling us.

2019 Statistical Report

Baptisms

Caleb Douglas Kraft

Katie Elizabeth Albrecht

Oliver Jacob Pelach

Zakai James Watson

Koda John Washburn

Landin Asher Raschke

Total +6 baptized +0 confirmed

Confirmations

Ella Paschke

Hadyn Rennemo

Brady Zemke

Total +1 baptized +3 confirmed

Marriages

Deaths—Funerals/Memorial Services/Burials

Bobby Dale Aery

Florence Leila (Dahl/Mollberg) Kothrade

Donald Theodore Sorenson

Mona Theone Hooper Beyer

Mary June (Quale) Sorensen

Betty Elaine (Harter) Frohreich

Alyce Chrisine (Tangreen) Robinson

Florence “Flossie” (Perreault) Moen

Removed by death -7baptized -7 confirmed

Membership

Transfers out / Requests to be removed from membership

Diane Jaranson to St. John’s Lutheran ELCA, Northfield, MN

Alicia Jean Hancock to Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Watertown, SD.

Total -2 baptized -2confirmed

Transfers in/Received into Membership

Shari and Tim Pelach, Makenzie

Jon Hanson

Darcy Hansen

Tiana Watson

Amber, Travis, Cale Zemke

Total + 9baptized +8 confirmed

Membership Statistics

December 31, 2018

Baptized

706

Confirmed

458

December 31, 2019

713

460

net change

+7

+2

2019 First Lutheran Church Council ~ 2020 Nominations

2019 Council Officers: (Terms are 2 years with a maximum of two consecutive terms)

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|
| President: | <u>Linda Burk</u> | 2 nd term begins Jan. 2019 – Jan. 2021 |
| Vice President: | <u>Linda Bauers</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2019 – Jan. 2021 |
| Secretary: | <u>Sue Smith</u> | 2 nd term begins Jan. 2018 – Jan. 2020 |
| Treasurer: | <u>Mark Washburn</u> | 2 nd term begins Jan. 2018 – Jan. 2020 |
| Financial Secretary: | <u>Becky Curran</u> | 2 nd term begins Jan. 2019 – Jan. 2021 |

(Back-up: Eileen Cordray (1357), Becky Carlson (1384))

2019 Members at Large: (Terms are 2 years with a maximum of two consecutive terms)

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Education: | <u>Phyllis Paulsen</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2018 – Jan. 2020 |
| Worship & Music: | <u>Jeannie Kuehl</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2018 – Jan. 2020 |
| Property: | <u>Don Smith</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2019 – Jan. 2021 |
| Evangelism: | <u>Eileen Cordray</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2017 – Jan. 2019 |
| Stewardship: | <u>Eileen Cordray</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2018 – Jan. 2020 |
| WELCA Representative: | <u>Karen Hanson</u> | |

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| Vice President: | <u>Linda Bauers</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2019 – Jan. 2021 |
| Secretary: | <u>Patti Frohreich</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2020 – Jan. 2022 |
| Treasurer: | <u>Mary Sopkowiak</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2020 – Jan. 2022 |
| Financial Secretary: | <u>Eileen Cordray</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2020 – Jan. 2021 |

Eileen Cordray finishing a term. Elected for one year.

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| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Education: | <u>Phyllis Paulsen</u> | 2 nd term begins Jan. 2020 – Jan. 2022 |
| Worship & Music: | <u>Sue Smith</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2020 – Jan. 2022 |
| Property: | <u>Jim Frohreich</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2020 – Jan. 2022 |
| Evangelism: | <u>Eileen Cordray</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2020 – Jan. 2022 |
| Stewardship: | <u>Eileen Cordray</u> | 1 st term begins Jan. 2020 – Jan. 2022 |

2020 Synod/Conference Assembly Voting Members – June 12-13

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

2020 Church Boards : *Terms are 1 year and unlimited unless otherwise noted.*

Education

Outreach/Evangelism

Nominating

5 members, 2 yr. terms, 2 terms limit

Stewardship/Finance

Worship & Music

Property

Mission Endowment Fund

5 members, 3 yr. terms

Audit-3 members, 3 yr. terms



Northwestern Minnesota Synod
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*"Mary was thoroughly shaken, wondering what was behind a greeting like that."
 "I'm bursting with God-news; I'm dancing the song of my Savior God."*

Luke 1:29 and 46 (The Message)

Synod Staff



Bishop Bill Tesch



Pr. Karla Mickelson
 Associate to the Bishop for
 Synodical Administration



Pr. Keith Zeh
 Director for
 Evangelical Mission



Pr. Jon Olson
 Synod Minister for
 Vocations

Dear Siblings in Christ of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod,

Greetings in the name of the One who both shakes us to the core and fills us with joy!

I write now in the fourth week of Advent, 2019. The gently falling snow outside my window belies the turmoil now swirling in our world and in our hearts. Deepening political divides both here and abroad, dire reports of a changing climate, mass shootings, the crisis facing our farmers all conspire to convince us that we are headed toward catastrophe. I submit that the world of Mary the mother of Jesus was no less disconcerting. Into such a world God spoke a new word, showed up in a new way and by so doing transformed Mary, then us, then one day: all of creation. I wonder if we could seek the heart of Mary, if we could boldly interrogate God like Mary interrogated the messenger of God, if we could embrace the promised future even if it seems (for now) as fragile as a suckling child. For this I pray, and I invite you to join me. I firmly believe it is a prayer that God and God's angels rush to answer!

As you gather in your annual meeting I invite you to think of the other 222 congregations and 90,000 siblings in Christ across our synod who are also gathering. Many of the decisions you make today will be an expression of your partnership in the Gospel with them, with us. The Gospel is the treasure we cherish and to which we bear witness, a treasure that we guard only by giving it away.

In the first 90 days of my time serving as your Bishop, I am pleased to report on the outstanding accomplishments of your amazing synod staff with whom I am privileged to work.

- We have established a vision: "Communities so emboldened by the grace of God through Jesus Christ that we are freed to be wholly devoted to loving Jesus and loving our neighbor."
- We have articulated three core values: "Faithfulness, Authenticity and Love."
- We have put in place three operating principles: "Making a safe space for the ministry of the Gospel to unfold; Making a way into the future; Making places at the table for diverse or unheard voices."
- We have introduced an innovative new synod staffing model that is producing over 200 hours each month of face-to-face engagement with communities and leaders across our synod.
- We have responded to the emerging crisis in our farming communities and have developed plans for further response early this year.
- We have assisted 11 communities in conflict with professional guidance and support.
- We are accompanying 36 congregations and parishes in call processes, and have developed new tools to make our work more efficient and responsive.
- We have invited our eight Conference Deans to play a larger role in the process when congregations have a change of pastors, and they have graciously and professionally stepped up to the challenge!



Kathy Levenhagen, SAM
Synod Minister for
Community & Leader
Engagement
(Conferences 1 & 2)



Pr. Karen Young Trenne
Synod Minister for
Community & Leader
Engagement
(Conferences 3 & 5)



Pr. Genelle Netland
Synod Minister for
Community & Leader
Engagement
(Conferences 4 & 6)

- We have reorganized our Candidacy Committee and clarified the candidacy process, thus clearing the way for what we believe will be many new candidates for ordained ministry.
- We have met with our Synodically Authorized Ministers (SAMs) and are developing a system to equip and support them in their work while also holding them and the congregations they serve accountable to our church's unique witness to the Gospel.
- We have identified and begun work with five clusters of congregations where God may be calling them to move into the future in a new way: reaching out together to their increasingly diverse communities, and/or restructuring for long-term sustainability.
- We have designed a process and pulled together a team for developing a strategic plan - a draft of which will be presented at this year's synod assembly.
- We have 12 congregations engaged in "Cultivating Generous Congregations," a collaborative effort with several other synods to train leaders of small membership congregations to build a culture of generosity in their church and community.

I want you to know how immensely grateful I am for your trust in extending this call to serve with you in this way. I'm a newcomer here, and you have shown me nothing but grace and patience while I have learned the names of people and places, ways of doing things, directions to here and there, etc. I must beg your continued patience, as I continue to learn and to grow to know you, the wonderful people of God of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod!

In Christ our Brother,

Pastor Bill Tesch
Bishop of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA



Pr. Brad Skogen
Synod Minister for
Community & Leader
Engagement



Cheryl Zeh
Office Manager
Financial Coordinator



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Gathering Coordinator



John Bell
Interim Webmaster
Newsletter Coordinator

First Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report 2019

| Bank Accounts | 2018 Year End | Increase | Decrease | 2019 Year End |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Riverwood - Checking | \$7,228.59 | | | \$4,796.46 |
| Riverwood - Designated Funds | \$35,129.97 | \$77,517.01 | \$59,619.69 | \$53,027.29 |
| Riverwood - Endowment Fund | \$1,282.47 | \$0.49 | | \$1,282.96 |
| Thrivent Invest - Endowment | \$4,345.00 | \$347.41 | | \$4,692.41 |
| | <u>\$47,986.03</u> | | | <u>\$63,799.12</u> |
| | | | | |
| <u>Designated Funds</u> | | | | |
| Building Fund | \$5,574.01 | \$2,838.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,412.01 |
| Endowment Fund | \$2,500.00 | \$2,740.05 | \$0.00 | \$5,240.05 |
| Furnace | \$3,000.00 | \$56,570.57 | \$44,392.79 | \$15,177.78 |
| Garden of Grace | \$11,449.36 | \$1,267.75 | \$3,849.13 | \$8,867.98 |
| Music | \$2,530.06 | \$20.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,550.06 |
| Pastor's Discretionary | \$225.78 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$225.78 |
| VBS | \$20.00 | \$657.00 | \$0.00 | \$677.00 |
| Visual/Sound Equipment | \$351.00 | \$3,050.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,401.00 |
| Youth | \$1,740.18 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,740.18 |
| Alter Guild | \$653.00 | \$401.00 | \$611.05 | \$442.95 |
| Parking Lot | \$2,210.00 | \$2,150.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,360.00 |
| Temporary | \$364.83 | \$3,235.64 | \$3,673.97 | -\$73.50 |
| Kitchen | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| Podium for Fellowship Hall | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Quilt Materials | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| Food Shelf | \$0.00 | \$704.50 | \$698.50 | \$6.00 |
| Synod Fund for Leaders | \$0.00 | \$448.50 | \$448.50 | \$0.00 |
| Sustaining Rural Ministries | \$0.00 | \$20.00 | \$20.00 | \$0.00 |
| Vases and Candelsticks | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| Ploughing Dinner | \$0.00 | \$1,414.00 | \$1,414.00 | \$0.00 |
| Disaster Relief | \$120.00 | \$0.00 | \$120.00 | \$0.00 |
| Vibrant Faith Sunday | \$201.00 | Moved funds to Alter Guild | | \$0.00 |
| Undesignated Funds | \$2,264.50 | 90% to Endow Fund, 10% to General Per Constitution | | \$0.00 |
| Men's Group | \$249.25 | Moved funds to Furnace | | \$0.00 |
| Bible Camp | \$657.00 | Moved Funds to Vacation Bible School (VBS) | | \$0.00 |
| Handbells | \$20.00 | Moved funds to Music | | \$0.00 |
| Total Designated Funds | <u>\$35,129.97</u> | <u>\$77,517.01</u> | <u>\$59,619.69</u> | <u>\$53,027.29</u> |

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| First Lutheran Income | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| <u>Income</u> | <u>2019 Income</u> | | <u>2018 Income</u> |
| Income:Envelope | \$95,001.00 | | \$106,883.00 |
| Income:Loose | \$4,418.00 | | \$4,070.00 |
| Income:Church Use | \$490.38 | | \$350.00 |
| Thrivent | \$2,306.00 | | \$1,685.00 |
| Daycare | \$3,650.00 | | \$3,535.00 |
| Dividends | \$347.90 | | -\$30.36 |
| Total | \$106,213.28 | | \$116,492.64 |
| Designated | \$35,486.98 | | \$17,016.07 |
| Insurance | \$14,397.64 | | |
| TOTAL Income | \$156,097.90 | | \$133,508.71 |

| Historical Account Balances | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Bank Accounts</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> |
| Riverwood | \$15,241.89 | \$32,926.66 | \$42,358.56 | \$57,823.75 |
| Riverwood - Endowment Fund | \$1,281.69 | \$1,282.18 | \$1,282.47 | \$1,282.96 |
| Thrivent Invest - Endowment | \$4,012.29 | \$4,375.84 | \$4,345.00 | \$4,692.41 |
| | <u>\$20,535.87</u> | <u>\$38,584.68</u> | <u>\$47,986.03</u> | <u>\$63,799.12</u> |

| Heating Cooling System Finances | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Repair Costs Paid</u> | | <u>Funding</u> | |
| Air Systems | \$43,914.35 | Designated Funds | \$20,462.93 |
| Loan Payment | \$478.44 | Insurance | \$14,397.64 |
| Loan Fees | \$290.00 | Loan | \$25,000.00 |
| Total | \$44,682.79 | Total | \$59,860.57 |
| <u>Remaining Costs</u> | | <u>Remaining Funds</u> | |
| Electrical | \$3,650.00 | Designated Funds | \$15,177.78 |
| Remaining loan | \$24,560.00 | <u>Expected Funds</u> | |
| | | 2nd Insurance portion | \$12,791.99 |
| Total Remaining Cost | \$28,210.00 | Total Expected Funds | \$27,969.77 |

First Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report 2019

| 2020 Mission Plan and 2019 Budget Dispersements | | | |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Category | 2020 Mission | 2019 Actual | 2019 Mission |
| Admin: Financial Secretary | \$540.00 | \$540.00 | \$540.00 |
| Admin: Miscellaneous | \$200.00 | \$259.34 | \$200.00 |
| Admin: Postage | \$75.00 | \$35.98 | \$75.00 |
| Admin: Treasurer | \$540.00 | \$540.00 | \$540.00 |
| Administration Total | \$1,355.00 | \$1,375.32 | \$1,355.00 |
| God's House | | | |
| God's House: Fuel | \$4,500.00 | \$3,897.44 | \$4,500.00 |
| God's House: Insurance & Worker's Comp | \$6,200.00 | \$5,611.00 | \$6,200.00 |
| God's House: Maintenance Service Salary | \$6,500.00 | \$5,668.40 | \$5,900.00 |
| God's House: Maintenance and Repair | \$4,000.00 | \$2,244.17 | \$4,000.00 |
| God's House: Snow Removal | \$1,800.00 | \$1,622.50 | \$1,500.00 |
| God's House: Tax | \$125.00 | \$110.00 | \$125.00 |
| God's House: Utilities | \$7,500.00 | \$5,417.13 | \$8,000.00 |
| God's House Total | \$30,625.00 | \$24,570.64 | \$30,225.00 |
| Outreach | | | |
| Outreach: ELCA - Benevolence | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| Outreach: Roseau Conference | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| Outreach Total | \$10,100.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$10,100.00 |
| Parish | | | |
| Pastor | \$39,842.13 | | \$54,314.17 |
| Pulpit Suply | \$948.80 | | \$1,600.00 |
| Admin Assist | \$12,582.15 | | \$12,973.53 |
| Admin Assist | \$8,232.35 | | \$6,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$8,336.63 | | \$8,600.00 |
| Parish Total | \$69,942.06 | \$69,900.00 | \$83,487.70 |
| Worshiping God | | | |
| Worshiping God: Altar Guild | \$200.00 | \$186.30 | \$200.00 |
| Worshiping God: Evangelism | \$450.00 | \$540.38 | \$300.00 |
| Worshiping God: Music Dept | \$5,000.00 | \$4,890.03 | \$4,200.00 |
| Worshiping God: NW Synod Assembly | \$1,000.00 | \$964.28 | \$1,000.00 |
| Worshiping God: Sunday School | \$500.00 | \$214.95 | \$500.00 |
| Worshiping God: Worship Supplies | \$1,500.00 | \$1,234.27 | \$1,500.00 |
| Worshiping God: Youth | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| Total Worshiping God | \$9,150.00 | \$8,030.21 | \$8,200.00 |
| Budget | <u>\$121,172.06</u> | <u>\$113,876.17</u> | <u>\$133,367.70</u> |

Board of Education Report 2019

“To him be glory both now and forever. Amen. II Peter 3:18

As we begin another year of growing in our Faith, we hope you will join us! Our Sunday school classes at the beginning of this year were after the 9:30 am service during fellowship. We sometimes had five or six children that participated and Spark Rotation curriculum was studied.

When school began in the fall, a change in education was suggested to include the parish, and Soul Food began on Wednesday evenings. The education committee at First decided that a shortened version of learning on Sunday mornings was still important. Each week, there are bulletin inserts available for the children during worship, one for pre-school and one for readers. The inserts are a fun supplement to the lectionary readings in church for each week, with mazes, puzzles, and challenges and are being used in “Crosswalk” on Sunday mornings. During fellowship after church, 3 or 4 children and a couple high school students gather with snacks at the “noisy” table with Joyce, who has agreed to continue to teach. They do a craft and talk about the bible story read in church that particular Sunday.

We are excited to be God’s Work Our Hands in your Faith Journey. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or suggestions.

Joyce Palm 218-634-2189 joycepalm@centurylink.net

Phyllis Paulsen 218-766-2855 ppaulsen52@gmail.com

Parish Pathways Elementary Day Camp *Growing Together*

Pathway Day Camp was July 22-25 for elementary ages 1st–5th grades. The kids met at First Lutheran Monday-Thursday, "Growing Together".

They went to the nursing home, worshipped and sang, played games and made crafts, and had a water party on the last afternoon!



Thanks once again to Colleen Stanton and her group of volunteers and parents who made the VBS with Camp Counselors a big success.



Jesus saves the World! Preschool Vacation Bible School

Preschool Vacation Bible School was a fun week, August 5-8th, here in the parish thanks to Sarah Pierson and her group of volunteers, including grandparents and parents. The volunteers were kept very busy with the little ones!



Board of Property Report ~ 2019

Memorials ~ 2019

Worship and Music

First Lutheran Choir activities for January 2019-20

This year, seemed to be the year of special event singing for our First Lutheran Choir. The choir averaged about one to two, Sundays per month, of doing special music for church services over the year. (Except, of course, for the summer break.) However, we were busy preparing and performing on a regular basis for extra events as well, often involving our neighbors and community in the outreach! Fun! The rest of the report will fill in some further details on those activities, some of the events of the year, and performances.

On February 17th, the choir presented a "mini-musical" written by Judy Gubbels, to welcome our newly called, Pastor Birgitte as a part of a special "First Lutheran Welcome Event" for her. We hope the effort was a warm hug of welcome into our church family.

Because First Lutheran volunteered to host the "Blessing of the Ploughs Ceremony" for The World Ploughing Competition on August 27th, special music was planned. Director Joyce Washburn gathered a Community Choir to sing for the event. A special choir piece was selected and purchased. Approximately 22 choir members were involved from various churches around our area and Kathy Nordine, the choir director from the school, was asked to accompany. Harvey Lein, from Bethany Lutheran, provided prelude music on the organ and accompanied a canticle during the service as well. The choir also provided leadership for the hymns, and other music, during this service. Because most expected attendees would be from various corners of the world and weren't expected to be familiar with the music.

The choir started back up, officially, from a summer break, on September 18th, and since Laurel Lind was unavailable right away, Sue Smith and Harvey Lein pitched in to help the choir practice hymns, liturgy, kyries, etc... Sue Smith did play a couple hymns one Sunday of church special music until Laurel could pick it back up again. A great team effort! So we did get a later start on learning new music for church services this fall and winter, although many members would agree the Ploughing Competition Worship Service was a great deal of new music learning on its own!

Director Joyce Washburn agreed to lead the Community Choir for the Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Worship Service, held at the Congregational Church this year, and our choir members participated, as well as our musicians, that provided accompaniment, with Laurel Lind on piano, and Tiana Watson on flute. It was a nice-sized group of community members and a treat for all to be able to sing with more people again.

Because too few choir members and accompanists would be available for a Christmas Eve service choir piece; special music was provided by Tiana Watson, with a flute solo, and A.J. Washburn, with a couple trombone pieces, for the Christmas Eve Service instead. December 15th, the choir sang several special music pieces for the Sunday School Program, written by Judy Gubbels, and on that same day, many choir members also participated in the Community Christmas Caroling event held on December 15th as well. Approximately 35 people met at First Lutheran to gather, and then drove over to sing carols at the Care Center, Parker's Arc, the Hospital, Summerfield Apartments, and Northwoods Commons. A new pitch pipe was purchased for the activity this year. The evening ended with a soup and bread meal and goodies shared, at Northwoods Commons. A good time was had by all!

To be continued in the New Year!

Submitted by: Joyce Washburn, First Lutheran Choir Director

2020 Stewardship Report

We continued moving forward in 2019 ever mindful of "what is God calling me/us to do?" God calls us to move forward.

-By giving generously of our financial resources. Our financial summer at year's end shows a positive balance to start 2020. Additionally, we know that many people have given their financial resources for the church's mission apart from the regular offering. Thanks be to God for your generosity of financial resources that help God's ministry in our church, community, synod, and throughout the world.

- By giving of our time and talent. Sunday worship involves many people - readers, ushers, choirs, greeters, teachers, worship leaders, musicians, communion helpers, etc. Then think about all the volunteers who work joyfully and diligently within our church and in the community. The list is long - quilters, yard mowing and maintenance, aid in playing Bingo and help with worship at the Care Center, and do repairs on the building to name a few. Thanks be to God for your generosity of time and talent.

- The Board of stewardship also had charge of the Farmers' Market during the summer. Gardeners brought their extra vegetables and fruit to the church where people could buy the produce with a free will offering. The offering was given to the local food shelf. Thanks to all for their gifts and we look forward to doing this project again in 2020.

- Preparing the proposed annual Mission Plan (budget) is also the responsibility of the Stewardship Board along with the treasurer and financial secretary. The Mission Plan for 2020 shows a slight increase over 2019.

We thank each one for your sharing in "God's Work, Our Hands". We also thank you for the opportunity to serve as you stewardship board.

Yours's in Christ

The Board of stewardship - Eileen Cordray, Chair; Ruth Lee

Prepared and submitted by Eileen Cordray

Board of Evangelism Report ~ 2019

2019 Altar Guild Report

The Altar Guild is a dedicated group of volunteers responsible for setting the Lord's Table. Baptismal banners, sewn by Ruth Lee, are made for each child that is baptized. Setting up the baptismal font with water, oil, towel and baptismal candle are other preparations done by the Altar Guild for baptisms. Other responsibilities, such as decorating the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons, keeping the floral arrangements fresh, placing of the proper parents, changing the sanctuary candle weekly, hanging banners and changing linens according to the liturgical color for the day, season, or event, are also duties of the Altar Guild.

THANK YOU to ALL who helped with these duties this year; those who served communion, adults, Sunday School, Confirmation students, those who helped to decorate and take down, and store the decorations for the sanctuary at Christmas time. A special THANK YOU to Tweety Larson for making the Communion Bread for this year.

The sign-up sheets that are on the table in the narthex, help to remind us how and where we can serve. If you have any questions on how to serve communion before signing up, please contact anyone on the Altar Guild.

We were able to purchase new vases and candlesticks with memorial funds given to the Altar Guild this year. THANK YOU for the memorial monies.

The Altar Guild wants to express their appreciation to those who shared flowers, plants and monetary gifts that help to beautify the sanctuary, this past year. If you wish to share flowers for worship, please let us know. If you plan to order flowers for worship, please let us know one week ahead to allow time to get the flowers here.

We continue to seek new members both men and women. If you would like to be a member of Altar Guild, please let us know, we would love to have you and "training" is easy!

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH. THANK YOU!

2019 Altar Guild Members

Ruth and Otto Lee, Phyllis Paulsen, Michael Paulsen, Eileen Cordray, Meg Hemmingson

Carol Brune, RN, parish nurse at Wabanica Lutheran Church and I continue to work together on parish nursing. We had been providing the healing service following worship at all three churches but with Pastor Birgitte's help, the healing service is now part of the regular worship service. These services are scheduled for the 5th Sunday of the month, which is about four times per year. We plan to continue with this format through 2020. Carol and I both had the privilege of participating in the Blue Christmas Service again this year. The service is held on or near the longest night of the year in December. This was our fifth year providing this service. About twenty people attended, including community members and members of the parish.

Carol and I have taken turns providing an article for the Beacon Newsletter. The topics range from physical health and wellness to emotional and spiritual wellness.

I am all out of prayer shawls, which means we gave them all away! I am working on getting more prayer shawls made for us. A prayer shawl may be distributed to anyone you feel could benefit. Prayer shawls will be available again in the church office so anyone can take them where needed. If you are interested in making prayer shawls or prayer cloths, contact Kay or the parish office. Yarn can be provided for knitting or crocheting. In the meantime, Wabanica Lutheran and Carol Brune have been assisting with this ministry.

Carol and I attended our usual education sessions this spring and fall. In April 2019 we traveled to Bemidji for the annual Ministry of Caring conference. The title was "Engaging the Power of Emotion in Living a Purposeful Life." The keynote speaker was Dr. Steve Zvonar a Health Coach and Doctor of Chiropractic. In October, Healthcare Horizons holds an annual health care conference facilitated by Altru Health System on a variety of topics; held in Grand Forks, ND. In September, I was able to attend the Evangelical Lutheran Parish Nurse Association (ELPNA) fall conference held at the bible camp in Alexandria, MN. It was a fall retreat led by Tammy L. Devine, "Led by Grace: I am who I am." Pastor Birgitte and I attended "Soul Shop for Leaders" in Mahanomen, MN on April 2nd. It was one of the best workshops I have ever attended on the topic of ministering to suicide desperation. We traveled in a snow storm to get there but it was well worth it! Carol and I certainly value these educational and learning opportunities along with time to reflect on the parish nurse ministry during our travels. Continuing education is required for RN licensure.

Carol and I have met with Pastor Birgitte to explore care teams and how we might assist with visitation and outreach for those who are not able to attend worship. There will be more to come on that over the next months.

I continue to stock the tissue and sanitizer kits in the pews and dropped off some extra hand sanitizers for various events in our fellowship hall.

I have the equipment needed to check blood pressures at church. I have not set up screening Sundays, but I am able to check a blood pressure upon request most any Sunday after worship.

Thank you for your support and many prayers. God's grace and peace -- that you may experience health and wholeness this year!

First Lutheran Women Report 2019

Another HUGE “Thank You” to all the ladies of First Lutheran Church (with some help from some of the guys) who made 2019 a successful year. Together we raised funds for our church building (especially our furnace replacement) and purchased some kitchen equipment. Just as in our own homes, upkeep is an ongoing process as things wear out and need replacements. So many of you donated your time, talents and financial support toward these endeavors.

Focusing on mission projects, both locally and world wide, is an important part of who we are and we have been able to support these with our workers and our funding. We are always open to suggestions on how best to serve the needy. Please don't be hesitant in bringing your suggestions to the attention of the board. If there has been an oversight of inviting you to be a part of the women's group, please step up and volunteer, as EVERYONE is welcome and needed.

At our December unit Christmas party, Pastor Birgitte installed our 2020 officers as follows: Monica Buegler, President, Karen Hanson, Vice President, JJ Olson, Secretary, And Kathy Tischart, Treasurer. Others on the board were also installed and all were welcomed with a huge applause. At this unit meeting, the women voted to designate \$5000. to pay the final mission outreach ELCA Benevolence fund amount.

President Karen Hanson

FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2019

The First Lutheran Quilters had another busy year quilting for Lutheran World Relief with the help from ladies from other churches. We made our goal of 200 quilts. We also made 40 health kits, 40 school kits and 20 layette kits. Our boxes were shipped in the spring and fall. Thanks to all who work on these projects and who have furnished material, sheets, blankets and etc.

Four quilts were made for our high school graduates this past year – the Rachel Group helped spear head this project with many others helping also.

At Easter we gave out fruit baskets to those over 80. Flowers were given to our members in the Care Center.

We made lefsa again this year at the Care Center, and every fourth Thursday of the month we play Bingo with the residents at the Care Center.

This past year we hosted the World Ploughing contest and one afternoon made lefsa for all to come and try. This was an interesting time with many different women from other countries here.

We also made lefsa at the Depot's Old Fashioned Christmas in December.

Gifts were given to our anonymous Christmas family this year

The past year all our fund raisers we did went to help with the new furnace for our church.

We gave out two blankets to fire victims and two veterans quilts were given.

Our year was a busy one and enjoyed by all.

Action chairs: Betty Sorenson, Sandy Johnson, Karen Berg and Sue Smith

First Lutheran Women's Financial Report 2019

| FLCW FINANCIAL REPORT | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--|--|---|
| January-December 31, 2019 | | | | |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT BEGINNING BALANCE | \$ 11,212.61 | | | |
| | | | | Comments |
| INCOME | | | | |
| Action Group | | | | |
| Angels of Mercy | 267.00 | | | |
| Bakeless Bake Sale | 1,295.00 | | | Income of \$1295.00- Expenses of \$35.12 = 1259.88 Designated for Furnace Repair |
| Bread and Soup Supper | 150.00 | | | |
| Circle Offering | 302.00 | | | |
| Coffee Donations | 1,412.95 | | | |
| Easter Fruit Baskets | 170.00 | | | |
| Fall Bazaar | 2,831.80 | | | Income of \$2831.80-Expenses of \$174.76 = Net Profit of \$2657.04 - Designated for Furnace Repair |
| Funerals | 2,751.75 | | | |
| Jewelry Sales | 465.00 | | | Designated for Furnace Repair |
| Lutefisk and Meatball Supper | 6,764.40 | | | Total Income \$6764.40- Expenses \$3460.70= Net Profit of \$3303.70- Designated for Furnace Repair |
| Misc Income | 5,351.50 | | | Includes \$5000.00 Transfer from Savings into Checking for the Benevolence Payment |
| Prayer Breakfast Donations | 30.00 | | | |
| Quilt Raffle | 1,308.00 | | | Total Income \$1308.00 - Expenses \$300.39 = \$1007.61 Designated for Furnace Repair/Replacement |
| Rummage Sale | 899.00 | | | Income of \$899.00-Expenses of \$9.50 = Net Profit of \$889.50 |
| Unit Meeting Offering | 46.00 | | | |
| WELCA Blanket Offering | 230.00 | | | |
| WELCA Thankoffering | 456.35 | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 24,730.75 | | | |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| 1st Lutheran Alter Guild | 200.00 | | | |
| 1st Lutheran Sunday School | 200.00 | | | |
| Action Group | 275.95 | | | |
| Angels of Mercy | | | | |
| Annual Meeting Expenses | | | | |
| Bakeless Bake Sale | 35.12 | | | |
| Benevolence Payment | 5,000.00 | | | |

First Lutheran Women's Financial Report continued

| FLCW FINANCIAL REPORT | | | | |
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| January-December 31, 2019 | | | | |
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| Angels of Mercy | | | | |
| Annual Meeting Expenses | | | | |
| Bakeless Bake Sale | 35.12 | | | |
| Benevolence Payment | 5,000.00 | | | |

First Lutheran Women's Financial Report continued

| EXPENSES (Cont) | |
|--|---------------------|
| Bibles | 200.82 |
| Care Center Bingo Prizes | 110.00 |
| Christ In Our Home | 185.80 |
| Cradle Roll | 125.33 |
| Easter Fruit Baskets | 100.81 |
| Fall Bazaar | 174.76 |
| Funerals | 944.50 |
| Gather Subscription | |
| Gifts, Plants, Misc for Pastors & Staff | 49.74 |
| Kitchen Equipment & Supplies | 1,961.44 |
| Lutefisk and Meatball Supper | 3,460.70 |
| Misc Expenses | 868.05 |
| Mission Outreach | 600.00 |
| New Furnace Expense | 8,693.23 |
| Over 80 Banquet | 40.44 |
| Post Prom Donation | 50.00 |
| Postage | 11.00 |
| Prayer Breakfast | 80.53 |
| Quilt Raffle | 300.39 |
| Quilts for Graduates | |
| Rummage Sale Expenses | 9.50 |
| Stewardship /Backpacks | |
| Synod Convention Registration/Travel Expenses | 616.00 |
| Synod Convention Expense & Offering | 125.00 |
| Synod Scholarship Offering | 100.00 |
| Triennial Convention Offering | |
| Unit Meeting Expenses | |
| WELCA Blanket Offering | 230.00 |
| WELCA NWMN Cluster Offering | 70.00 |
| WELCA NWMN Cluster Travel Expense | 129.80 |
| WELCA Quarterly Offering | 240.00 |
| WELCA Thankoffering | 456.35 |
| WELCA World Hunger | 150.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 25,795.26 |
| | |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCE | \$ 10,148.10 |

First Lutheran Women's Financial Report continued

| DESIGNATED FUNDS | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Income | Expenses | Balance | Comments |
| Angels of Mercy | \$ 661.00 | | \$ 661.00 | Previous Balance \$394.00 + 2019 Donations = \$661.00 |
| Easter Fruit Baskets | \$ 250.27 | \$ 100.81 | \$ 149.46 | Previous Balance of \$80.27 + 2019 Donations \$170.00 = \$250.27 |
| Quilt Raffle (2018 Quilt Raffle) | \$ 1,161.00 | | \$ 1,161.00 | Designated for Parking Lot Repair |
| Furnace Repair/Replacement | \$ 8,693.23 | \$ 8,693.23 | \$ - | Designated for Furnace Repair/Replacement |
| Total Designated Funds | \$ 10,765.50 | | \$ 1,971.46 | |
| TOTAL UNDESIGNATED | | | | |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE | \$ 8,176.64 | | | |
| SAVINGS ACCOUNT | \$ 3,306.50 | | | |
| THRIVENT FINANCIAL FUND | | | | |
| (Designated for Parking Lot Repair) | \$ 16,857.29 | As of Jan. 3, 2020 | | |

Garden of Grace ~ Outdoor Beautification Project, 2019 Annual Report to the Congregation

Committee Members: Jeff Bauers, Birgitte Catlin, Jared Catlin, Rod Gubbels, Karen Hanson, Jeannie Haukaas, Ruth Lee, Joyce Palm, Kay Schell, Don Smith, and Joyce Washburn

The Outdoor Beautification Committee focused on two large projects in 2019: replacing the existing playground features, and making the church outdoor property look its best to welcome guests attending the World Ploughing Competition.

The new playground was completed in late August. We extend our appreciation to everyone who helped, from the initial generous memorial given by the family of Norman and Joan Undahl, to all those who contributed to the monthly Noisy Offering, and to the group of volunteers who helped shovel the base layer of material when it arrived on very short notice. We offer special thanks to Rod Gubbels for the many hours he spent designing and planning and building the structure, overseeing the entire project from start to finish, a true labor of love.

On August 27th, First Lutheran Church hosted the ecumenical “Blessing of the Ploughs” worship service for the World Ploughing Competition. With the help of our brothers and sisters from Wabanica Lutheran Church and Clementson Lutheran Church, as well as the help of many community volunteers, the blessing event for the 66th World Ploughing Contest was a memorable celebration of unity and peace. In the weeks leading up to the service, volunteer mowers and gardeners were busy mowing and cleaning and weeding and trimming the grounds. Deborah Carlson painted a warm and welcoming sunflower mural on the church entry doors, and Joyce Washburn and Ruth Lee led in beautifying the church entry area with floral arrangements and plants. The warm welcome and bright sunflower theme extended into the sanctuary and fellowship hall, and the competitors, visitors, and guests experienced a grace-filled and blessed evening.

We sincerely appreciate the dedication of those who volunteer to keep the church property attractive and groomed throughout the summer months, those who mow, pick up trash, weed, and complete the necessary chores to improve and enhance our church grounds. As our “garden” grows and thrives, may it continue to serve as an outdoor gathering place, inviting and unifying, a place where all are welcome.

If you need any captions for the photos, let me know. Also, if you need photos of any specific area for another committee, check with me, I may have something 🐾 Here is some potential “filler” other than photos:

Garden Sanctuary

You who walk,
Maybe with troubled thoughts,
Come, enter here and rest;
And may the sweet serenity of growing things,
And the heavenly peace,
Be mirrored in your soul.

~ Doris M. Palmer

Gardener's Prayer

Help us, oh God, to be ever mindful of the beauty around us.
May we grow with the flowers in gentleness, patience, courage, and hope.
As we turn the brown soil and plant our seed, may we learn faith . . .
 faith in the goodness of the earth, the warmth of the sun,
 the fullness of the clouds.
May we be grateful for the privilege of being co-workers with you, Lord,
 in the growth of even one tiny flower;
And grant that we may know the great joy
 that comes from sharing your garden with others.

~ Julia Howard

“Pax Arvat Colat ~ Let peace cultivate the land”
World Ploughing Organization Motto

World Ploughing wrap-up

The Lake of the Woods Faith Community came together on Tuesday, August 27th to create a delicious "Minnesota Hotdish" Supper and the beautiful ecumenical Blessing of the Ploughs Worship Service for the World Ploughing Organization Competitors, Judges, Coaches, staff and visitors from around the world. The visitors and teams experienced true "Minnesota Nice." Unfortunately, due to safety / space limitations, we had to restrict the number of attendees to under 400.

We were asked almost two years ago to host the worship service and include our ecumenical brothers and sisters in the worship. The Lake of the Woods Community Choir (about 30) under the direction of Joyce Washburn with Kathy Nordine and Harvey Lein as Pianist and Organist, respectively, led the congregation with the singing. Thank you to the ushers and greeters for making people feel welcome.



Pastor Birgitte created an ecumenical evening worship. The Rev. Lawrence Wohlrabe, Bishop of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, gave the message at the service. We were blessed that he chose to spend part of his last week as Bishop with us before he retired. We heard how he knew farming from growing up on a farm to participating as a high school FFA member during the World Ploughing Competition in 1972 near Vernon Center, MN. Many participants commented on how moving and beautiful the worship was for them.

Many, many volunteers came together to prepare and serve the meal, all under the direction of Eileen & Roger Cordray and Linda & Jeff Bauers. Along with donations from many area churches and a few businesses, people from our community were very generous with resources, including: ANI for the use of their event tents, and to the Wabanica guys for moving the picnic tables.

The church was decorated with flowers and farming mem-



orabilia, thanks to Joyce Washburn, Joyce Palm, Ruth Lee and others. The front door mural of a farming scene with corn and sunflowers, including a tractor plowing, was created by our local artist and teacher, Deb Carlson. Our visitors loved all the decorations.



The First Lutheran Women put on the Lefse and Quilt demonstrations on Thursday, and to Wabanica was ready if extra visitors came to their Wood-fired Pizza Night on Wednesday evening. *Jeannie Haukaas*



First Lutheran Directory 2019

| Household | Primary Address Street & PO Box | City, State, Zip <i>other than Baudette</i> | Phone 1 | Email (s) |
|---|--|--|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Aasen, Hannah (Jackie Delvecchio) | 16870 77th St SE | Mooreton ND 58061 | 852-1235 | |
| 2. Achen, Brian | 2092 39th St. SE | | -1735 | |
| 3. Achen, Lois | 212 2nd Ave SW #106 Northwood Commons | | -2137 | |
| 5. Aery, Josh; Jourdan, Ashton | 1526 38th Ave SE | Williams MN 56686 | -2204 | |
| 6. Albrecht, Aprille; Aaron, Kate | 3598 58th Ave NW | Williams MN 56686 | 783-2510 | |
| 7. Allen, Elijah (Michelle Guenin Allen) | 4875 W 145th St | Savage MN 55378 | - | |
| 8. Anderson, Brian | 219 3rd Ave SW | | -1505 | |
| 9. Anderson, Bruce | 321 1st Ave SE PO Box 904 | | -2080 | |
| 10. Anderson, Dian | 1504 State HWY 11 | | -1761 | |
| 11. Anderson, Irene | 212 2nd Ave SW #115 | | -2374 | |
| 12. Anderson, Katie | PO Box 1068 | | | |
| 13. Anderson, Roni | | Alexandria, MN | | |
| 14. Anderson, Dustin | 810 Trickling Springs CT | Spring, TX 77373 | 218-791-9556 | |
| 15. Anundson, Bertel, Nancy | 3388 Pitt RD NW | | -1377 | baund@wiktel.com |
| 16. Armstrong, Michelle; Aspenn | | | | |
| 17. Ausmus, Michael | | Coon Rapids, MN | | |
| 18. Ballard, Samantha; Danika | 309 4th Street SE | | -3174 | |
| 19. Balmer, Elly; Whitney, Hunter, Holden | | Grand Forks, ND | 434-1005 | |
| 20. Baltaian, Jennifer; Andrew, Liam | 1615 Legacy Parkway E #1 | Maplewood, MN 55109 | 651-491-8373 | |
| 23. Bauers, Jeff, Linda | 1831 St. Hwy 11 SE | | -1581 | |
| 24. Bauers, Jodi | 1831 St. Hwy 11 SE | | - | penasse@aol.com |
| 25. Beckel, Debbie | 2854 8th St. SW | | -1070 218-395-0225 | thebeckelsl@aol.com |
| 26. Beckel, Gus | PO Box 22 | King Mills, OH 45034 | | |
| 27. Becklund, Gayle, Beverly | Box 341 | | -2559 | becklund@mncable.net |
| 28. Becklund, Eric | 3364 E Kimberly Rd Apt 341 | Davenport IA 52807 | | |
| 29. Becklund, Brett | 1581 27th St. SW | | | |
| 30. Becklund, Jacqui, Lance | 1581 27th St SW | | 218-230-6185 | |

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| 31. | Becklund, Darrin, Kyra | PO Box 17 | Baudette MN | 218-341-3554 | becklund420@gmail.com |
| 32. | Beil, Lisa; Allyson, Kaitlyn, Emilia | 1910 10th St N | Fargo, ND 58102 | - | |
| 34. | Berg, Jim, Karen | 608 1 st Ave. SE | | -1837 | |
| 35. | Berg, Jared | 945 County Road 1 SW | | -1762 | |
| 36. | Berg, Rian | 945 County Road 1 SW | | | |
| 37. | Bergan, Dessa | 205 2 nd Ave SE | | | |
| 38. | Beyer, David | 1738 State HWY 11 SE PO Box 1177 | | -3151 | |
| 39. | Beyer, Lynn; Peyton, Annie | | Grand Rapids, MN | | |
| 40. | Birkeland, Roger | Box 151 | | -9469 | |
| 41. | Bitter, Alex | | | | |
| 42. | Bitter, Nick | | | | |
| 43. | Bitter, Steve, Sherri | 305 4th St. SE | | 434-0237 | |
| 44. | Boomgaarden, Jay; Shelby | Box 632 | | -1717 | |
| 45. | Borg, Lisa; Aimee | 576 State Hwy 172 NW | | 434-0599 | |
| 46. | Bowman, Kristi; Shaedon, Kendal | 1440 4th St. NW | | 218-368-3495 | |
| 47. | Breuer, Jason, Elissa; Will, Kaleb, Ava | 20612 462 nd | Morris, MN 56267 | 218-340-9299 | |
| 48. | Brown, Terry | 3095 29 th Ave NW | | -2752 | |
| 49. | Buegler, Elmerna | Box 562 | | -1774 | |
| 50. | Buegler, Eric | | | | |
| 51. | Buegler, Gerry, Monica | Box 866 | | -1590 | gbuegler@mncable.net |
| 52. | Burk, Adele | 276 Bay Road | Hadley MA 01035-9780 | 218-242-0672 | |
| 53. | Burk, Linda | 1911 23 rd ST. SW | | -2325 218-766-9617 | jonie96@hotmail.com |
| 54. | Burk, Shane | 4984 8 th St NW | Williams, MN 56686 | 218-766-5598 | |
| 55. | Carlin, Susan; Hunter, Tiana | 660 State Hwy 172 NW #15N | | 434-1211 | |
| 56. | Carlson, Becky and Steve; Andrew | Box 68 | | 218-790-1027 | |
| 57. | Carlson, Cody | 2315 11th St. SW | | -9815 | |
| 58. | Carston, Dixie | | Baudette | | |

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| 59. Chapman, Bryan; Josie, Kade | Box 434 | | 783-2039 | |
| 60. Chapman, Bruce, Dorothy | Box 434 | | -1660 218-766-3708 | |
| 61. Chapman, Kaileigh | | | | |
| 62. Chapman, Tanner, Chase (Wayne, Marcie) | 1911 Sussex Lane | Colorado Springs, CO | 719-638-1443 | |
| 63. Cherekos, Marilyn | Langton Pl Rm222 1910 Cty Rd D W | Roseville, MN | - | |
| 64. Christianson, Dawn, Kent | 3805 Krull Street West | | -1830 218-766-1183 | dawn_c@co.lake-of-the-woods.mn.us |
| 65. Christianson Weiss, Lindsay | 28598 Westwood Rd | Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | | |
| 66. Cook, Carmen | 1343 NW Elgin Ave | Bend, OR 97701 | | |
| 67. Cook, Christine | 10900 Drew Ave S | Bloomington MN 55431-3640 | | |
| 68. Cook, Dale, Louise | 3092 State Hwy 11 SE | | -1625 | Dale522@centurytel.net |
| 69. Cordray, Eileen, Roger | 4530 Graceton Beach Rd NW | Williams | -1357 | rcordray@centurytel.net |
| 70. Curran, Scott, Rebecca; Jacob, Triton, Lilly | 803 11th St. SW | | 218-766-1476 B 218-395-0615 S | |
| 71. Curtis, Helen | 698 18th Ave NW | | -2687 | |
| 72. Dahl, Leanne | 205 5 th St SW Apt 107 | | -1219 | |
| 73. Dahl, Brock | Box 486 | | -1483 | |
| 74. Dahl, Darian; Rylan, Oaklyn | 309 1 st Ave SE | | 434-0533 | DarianJennifer@gmail.com |
| 75. Dahl, Jaiden | 223 3 rd Ave SE | Baudette | | |
| 76. Dahl, Shonna | Box 532 | | 434-0747 | |
| 77. Dahl, SharRae; Halle | Box 86 | | -1640 | |
| 78. Dahl, Victor | 216 3 rd Ave NW #101 | Baudette | | |
| 79. Dally, Ross, Bette | Box 833 | | -1444 | |
| 80. Davidson, Daryl | Box 381 | | -1197 | |
| 81. Davidson, Irvin Jr; | 660 St Hwy 172 NW Lot #4N | | -1911 | |
| 82. Davidson, Andrew | PO Box 632 | | | |
| 83. Davidson, Benjamin | PO Box 632 | | | |
| 84. Davidson, Jeremy | 60 4 th St NE | Baudette | | |
| 85. Davidson, Anita | | North Dakota | | |

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| 86. Davidson, Ron, Patti | Box 219 | | -1268 218-368-2156 | prdavidson@mncable.net |
| 87. DeBilzan, Brock (Candyce Carlson) | 2166 3 rd Ave NW #301 | Baudette | | |
| 88. Delvecchio, Jacqueline; Nicholas | 16870 77th St SE | Mooreton, ND 58061 | 852-1235 | |
| 89. Devault, LaRae | 1526 39 th St. SE | | | |
| 90. Dierkhising, Maria (Anderson) | 14980 Crane St. NW | MN 55304 | 701-238-3333 | |
| 91. Dodds, Judi | Box 604 | | -1604 | jdodds@mncable.net |
| 92. Dornhecker, Elyse | | Minneapolis | | |
| 93. Dornhecker, Michael, Corinne | Box 1104 | | -3068 | |
| 94. Dornhecker, Weston | | | | |
| 95. Dornheim, Becky; Tanner Tibbets | | | | |
| 96. Dostall, Allen | 8845 Kahl Way NE | Otsego, MN 55362 | | |
| 97. Dostall, Lynette | 3285 St. HWY 11 SE | | -2330 | |
| 98. Dowling (Perusse), Crystal; Rylee, Londyn, Presslee | 12155 W 58 th PL #108E | Arvada, CO 80004 | 612-719-7430 | |
| 99. Dunrud, Brady | PO Box 657 | Baudette | | |
| 100. Dunrud, Briana | | | | |
| 101. Dunrud, Greg | Box 657 | Baudette | -1568 | |
| 102. Duick, Amber | Box 783 | Baudette | -1818 | |
| 103. Duick, Jake | Box 783 | Baudette | | |
| 104. Duick, Ben | Box 1214 | Baudette | | |
| 105. Easthouse, Bethany | | | | |
| 106. Easthouse, Clint | | | | |
| 107. Easthouse, Cole | | | | |
| 108. Easthouse, Douglas, Wendi | Box 1162 | | -1159 434-7952 | |
| 109. Eaton, Andrew | | | | |
| 110. Eaton, Karlie | 216 3 rd Ave NE #106 | Baudette | | |
| 111. Eaton, John; Allison, Kaylee | 515 North Woodland Dr | Thompson, ND | | Areaton08@gmail.com |
| 112. Eaton, Sandra | Box 404 | | -1233 | |

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| 113. Ebeltoft, Anna | 212 2 nd Ave. SW #107 | | -2551 | |
| 114. Ecklund, Bauer (Samantha) | 3984 County Rd 8 NW | | | |
| 115. Eiyneck, Marlene, Jerry | | Baudette, MN | | |
| 116. Ellis, Patricia; Sarah, Amy, Jennifer | 19119 156 th Ave NE | Woodenville, WA | | |
| 116. Ericksen, Kendall | | | | |
| 117. Ericksen, Wanda | 3169 KenMarKe Dr. NW | | -2950 | |
| 118. Erickson, Bert | 214 7 th Ave SE Apt 101 | | -2002 | |
| 119. Erickson, Courtney; Cayden Quigley | Box 501 | Webster, WI 54893 | 715-338-8568 | |
| 120. Boeckmann, Susan (Erickson) | 19150 Lake Ave | Deephaven, MN 55391 | | |
| 121. Estes, Ray, Janell; Erin, Billy | | Dolan Springs, AZ | | |
| 122. Feickert, Larry, SharRay | Box 752 | | 434-0149 | |
| 123. Ferrier, Karen, Stewart; Keira, Lacie | 585 County Rd 6 SW | | -2819 | |
| 124. Fish, Russel; Hailey | | Williams, MN | - | |
| 125. Fish, Brittany, Daniel; Oliver | 8676 24 th St NW | Williams, MN | 701-590-2659 | brittany.1.fish@hotmail.com |
| 126. Fitzgerald, Jay | 418 5 th Ave SE | Baudette | | |
| 127. Frohreich, Annie | 439 Mount Curve Blvd | St. Paul, MN 55105 | | |
| 128. Frohreich, Jim, Patty | 2873 42 nd Ave NW | | -1886 | |
| 129. Frohreich, Joe | 20093 Centerline Rd NW | Shevlin MN 56676 | | |
| 131. Gate, Nicole | St. HWY 172 NW | | 218-766-7533 | |
| 132. Gonsorowski, Leanna | 205 5 th St. SW | | -9709 | |
| 133. Grant, Jill | 205 5 th St SW #202 | | 701-335-3830 | |
| 134. Grund, David | 702 13th Ave SW | | -1111 | |
| 135. Grund, Douglas, Jean | 50 County Road 6 SW | | -2180 434-0298 | dgrund@centurylink.net |
| 136. Grund, Keith | 4018 19 th St SW | Baudette | | |
| 137. Gubbels, Rodney, Judy | 958 33 rd Ave SE | | -2630 | justjude@centurytel.net |
| 138. Guenin, Greg | 2874 Laurie Rose Circle | Jenkins, MN 56474- 2266 | 218-829-0384 | |
| 139. Guenin, Terre | | | | |

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| 140. Guenin, Jeffrey; Abigail | 2102 Middle Creek Blvd | Bossier, LA 71111 | 405-514-7054 | |
| 141. Guenin, Richard | Box 131 | | -2368 | |
| 142. Guenin, Scott | 623 42 nd Ave NW | Williams, MN 56686 | -2678 | |
| 143. Hanevold, Courtney | | | | |
| 144. Hansen, Darcy | 1274 Aspen Trail NW | | 925-978-6287 | |
| 145. Hansen, Rose | Box 432 | | -1544 | gerryandrosehansen@hotmail.com |
| 146. Hansen, Neal | Box 1090 | | -9465 | |
| 147. Hansen, Richard, Arlene | Box 134 | | -2134 | |
| 148. Hansen, Linda | 5999 County Rd. 1 SW | | -2192 | lindabellhansen@hotmail.com |
| 149. Hansen, Michelle | Box 599 | Grangeville, ID 83530 | 651-336-1010 | michellehans@gmail.com |
| 150. Higgins, Elaina | 417 5 th Ave SE | | | |
| 151. Hansen, Marinda | | | | |
| 152. Hansen, Russel, Chris | 1501 59 th St. SW | | -2164 | |
| 153. Hanson, Karen | 1202 County Rd 1 SW | | -1852 434-0564 | shanson@centurytel.net |
| 154. Hanson, Brittany | 205 2 nd Ave NE | Baudette | | |
| 155. Hanson, Kyle | | | | |
| 156. Hanson, Tom, Debbie | Box 753 | | -1111 | |
| 157. Hanson, Jon | 116 2nd Ave SE | | 612-709-0107 | tropicajon@hotmail.com |
| 158. Hartnell, Anna | | | | |
| 159. Hartnell, Elizabeth | Box 633 | | 434-0403 | |
| 160. Hartnell, Heather; Nicholas Solar | Box 633 | | -2541 | nicholas_danny@yahoo.com |
| 161. Hartnell, Linda | 212 2 nd Ave SW #101 Northwood Commons | | 434-0728 | |
| 162. Hartnell, Doreen | Box 633 | | -2541 | |
| 163. Hartnell, Rachel; Ellie Craft | Box 861 | Lucedale, MS 39452 | 601-508-4405 | rhartnell@centurybankms.com |
| 164. Haukaas, Wayne, Jeannie | Box 441 3011 Cty Rd 3 SW | | 218-434-1034 | wjhaukaas@gmail.com |
| 165. Hemmingson, Meg | 212 2 nd Ave SW | | 218-368-2457 | |
| 166. Hennum, Chris | | Bemdji | | |

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| 167. Hildebrandt, Paul | 1560 Hwy. 72 SE | | -2119 | |
| 168. Hildebrandt, Brenton | | Roseau | | |
| 169. Hildebrandt, Charles | | | | |
| 170. Hildebrandt, Ron | 982 Noble Dr NW | | | |
| 171. Holte, Al, Michelle | 1363 Birch Circle NW | | -3190 | |
| 172. Huber, Mara, Odessa, Zoë (Sheri Levasseur) | 3212 Flower Trail | Breezy Point, MN 56472 | 218-201-1818 | |
| 173. Humeniuk, Judy | 303 4 th Ave SE | | -2042 434-1122 | jhumeniuk@mncable.net |
| 174. Husbands, Samantha; Bailey, Carter | 813 2 nd St NW | | -2914 | |
| 175. Jaranson, Diane | 888 Cannon Valley Dr. Apt 306 | Northfield MN 55057-3379 | | adjaran@gmail.com |
| 176. Jensen, Jordan | | Rainy River, Ontario | | |
| 177. Jensen, Brady | | Rainy River, Ontario | | |
| 178. Jensen, Robin | | Rainy River, Ontario | | |
| 179. Johnson, CeCe | 302 2 nd Ave SE | | 434-0245 | |
| 180. Johnson, Greg, | 214 7 th Ave SE #105 | Baudette | 218-202-0509 | kmrjranch@hotmail.com |
| 181. Johnson, Kerri; Marissa, Richard | Bemidji? | | | |
| 181. Johnson, Kerista; Lauryn Boots | Box 284 | | 218-202-1032 | |
| 182. Johnson, Jodi, Jeremiah; Cheyann, Elijah | 118 5 th Ave SE | | 612-720-7756 | |
| 183. Johnson, Austia | | | | |
| 184. Johnson, Holland | | | | |
| 185. Johnson, Kevin, Constance | Box 91 | | -2129 | |
| 186. Johnson, Kyle | | | | |
| 187. Johnson, Mark | | Park Rapids, MN | | |
| 188. Johnson, Ashley | | Williams, MN | | |
| 189. Johnson, Michael, Mary | 123 3 rd Ave SE | | -2701 | |
| 190. Johnson, Alexis; Jonathon | 123 3 rd Ave SE | | 434-0380 | |

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| 191. Johnson, Sandy | 838 Noble Drive NW | | -2882 | psjohn@mncable.com |
| 192. Johnson, Richard, Annette | Box 81 | | -2402 | |
| 193. Jones, Tracie | 736 Paula Lane | Petaluma, CA 94952 | 707-542-1112 | |
| 194. Kempenich, Nichole | | Bemidji | | |
| 196. Kothrade, Paula | 68228 County Road 140 | Roosevelt, MN 56673 | 442-2415 | paulak@marvin.com |
| 197. Kraft, Brittini; Cameron, Caleb | 1403 Averil Circle | Bemidji, MN 56601 | | kraft_38@hotmail.com |
| 198. Kraft, Ashley | 3169 Ken Mar Ke Dr. NW | | -2950 | |
| 199. Krause, William Allen (grandson of Ruth Levasseur) | 2102 Hickory Lawn | Houston, TX 77077 | | |
| 200. Kroeger, Cindy | 202 2 nd Ave SE | | -1321 | |
| 201. Kroeger, Michael | 2029 Opal Place | Eagan, MN 55122 | | |
| 202. Kuehl, Jeannie, Jim | 1111 Jochim Dr. NW | | -1482 218-434-3340 | |
| 203. Larson, Barb | Box 842 | | 218-368-2013 | |
| 204. Larson, Burt, Judy | Box 271 | | -2802 | |
| 205. Larson, Christopher | 223 22 nd St NW | Baudette | | |
| 206. Larson, Darren | 1610 7 th St SE | Baudette | | |
| 207. Larson, Eric | | | | |
| 208. Larson, John | Box 271 | | -2802 | |
| 209. Larson, Julie | | | | |
| 210. Larson, Kathy | 1699 Stieger Lake Ln #414 | Victoria, MN 55386 | | |
| 211. Larson, Kristy | | Brainerd, MN | | |
| 212. Larson, Larry, Roxanne | 421 2 nd Ave SE | | -2504 | |
| 213. Larson, Mike | 210 2 nd Ave SE | | -2809 | |
| 214. Larson, Pam | Box 1203 | | -1229 | pjfur@mncable.net |
| 215. Larson, Susan | Box 653 | | -2201 | |
| 216. Lee, Otto, Ruth | Box 301 | | -1682 | rolee@centurytel.net |
| 217. Levasseur, Gerald | 2323 County Road 1 SW | | -1273 | |
| 218. Levasseur, Jim | 1634 27 th St. SW | | -2870 | |

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| 219. Levasseur, Brad | 1774 County Rd. 3 SW | | 218-556-2139 | |
| 220. Levasseur, Tom | 1409 55 th St. SW | | -2123 | |
| 221. Levasseur, Trudy; Westin and Oliver Pelach | 1303 Ralph Road | Cook, MN | 701-317-0403 | |
| 222. LaValla, Gretchen | 1115 78 th Ave NW | Williams, MN 56686 | 783-5455 | |
| 223. Levasseur, Melissa; Cameron Demmerly | 205 Hamilton Ave NE | Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 | | |
| 224. Levasseur, Ethan (John and Sherry) | 11325 51 st St. | Plymouth, MN | 763-208-3065 | |
| 225. Lind, Laurel | 660 St. Highway 172 NW | | -1950 | |
| 226. Linder, Megan | | | | |
| 227. Linder, Morgan | Bayview Resort, HWY 172 NW | Baudette | | |
| 228. Linder, Tom | 4173 Basswood Lane NW | | -1570 | |
| 229. Loughrey, Jacob | 1561 7 th St. SE | | | |
| 230. Loughrey, Jennifer; Erica | 1561 7 th St. SE | | -2891 | |
| 231. Lowes, Jennelle; Dylan, Carter | 1778 Wabanica Bay Dr NW | | 434-0041 | |
| 232. Lucek, Scott and Tammy; Mariah, Nissa Kaminski | 16 4 th St SW | Chisholm, 55719 | -9418 | |
| 233. Lund, Allison; Madelyn, Eloise, Leyton | 37113 Loon Dr | Cohasset, MN 55721 | 218-340-4717 | allisonmslund@gmail.com |
| 234. Lund, Gary, Christine | 654 18 th Ave NW | | -2057 | |
| 235. Lund, Adam | | Sioux Falls, SD | | |
| 236. McCloud, Dallas | 305 5 th St. SE | Baudette | -9774 | dmcccloud@live.com |
| 237. McCloud, Doug, Gayle | 877 School Forest Rd SW | | -2593 | mccloud@gmail.com |
| 238. Kopveiler, Lisa; MaKenzie, Erin Davidson | 33512 530 th Ave | New York Mills, MN 56567 | 218-556-2066 | |
| 239. McCloud, Michael; Koral, Noah Olson | Box 534 | | -1766 | |
| 240. McCloud, Ron, Kristi; Kelsey | 651 Hwy 8 S | Halliday ND 58636 | | |
| 241. McNeal, Verna | 608 5th Ave NW Edgewood Vista Care Center | EGF, MN | -2560 | |
| 242. McNeal, Kevin; Kevin | | Alaska | | |
| 243. Miller, Jessie; Tanner | | Williams | | |
| 245. Moen, Dennis | 236 Lakeview Dr. | Avenger, TX 75630 | | |
| 246. Moline, Jerome | 1900 St. HWY 11 SE | | -1168 | |

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| 247. Mollberg, Julie | 212 2 nd Ave SW #204 | | 218-434-0340 | |
| 248. Mollberg, Jaime | | | | |
| 249. Mollberg, Marty; Erin | 3387 County Rd 3 SW | | -2208 | |
| 250. Mollberg, Matthew | 2255 12 th St. NW | | -1642 | |
| 251. Mollberg, Travis | | Williams, MN | | |
| 252. Moorhead, Curtis, Judy | 309 5th Ave SE | | -1141 | |
| 253. Moorhead, Allen | 794 State HWY 172 NW | | | |
| 254. Mord, Alecia | 402 3 rd Ave NE | | | |
| 255. Mord, David | 2502 Riverside Parkway #117 | Grand Prairie TX 75050 | | |
| 256. Mord, Howard, Helen | 1158 Red Pine Dr. NW | | -1025 | hmord@mncable.net hmord@wiktel.com |
| 257. Mord, Jerry, Lisa; Joshua | 1156 Red Pine Dr. NW | | -2112 | |
| 258. Muehlenhardt, Renee | PO Box 211 | West Union, MN 56389 | | |
| 259. Nelson, Amarie, Josh; Jessie, Tyrel, Renae | | | | |
| 260. Nelson, Jessie; Grace, Annie, Ivy | 15 Garden Circle NW | EGF, MN 56721 | 218-202-0086 | nelsonjcd@gmail.com |
| 261. Nelson, Katelyn | 3169 KenMarKe Dr. NW | | 218-766-8846 | katelyn.ericksen@mn.ndsu.edu |
| 262. Nesmoe, David; Evan | 2774 18 th St NW | Baudette | | |
| 263. Nesmoe, Ina | 421 7 th St. SE | | -2206 | |
| 264. Ness, Reid, Amy | | Twin Cities | | |
| 265. Nesteby, Kristie; Kyle, Andrea | Box 572 | Barrow, AK | | krisnesteby@hotmail.com |
| 266. Neumiller, Laura; Andrew | 3034 9 th St SE | Minot, ND 58701 | 218-395-0512 | |
| 267. Ney, Alyssa | | | | |
| 268. Ney, Dawn | PO Box 854 | | 434-0201 | |
| 269. Ney, Haley | | | | |
| 270. Ney, Emily | | | | |
| 271. Ney, Jim, Susan; Molly | 3093 28 th St. NW Box 1202 | | -2965 | |
| 272. Ney, Rebecca | | | | |
| 273. Nichols, Derek | 307 3 rd Ave SE | Baudette | | |

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| 274. Nichols, Lonnie | 223 3 rd Ave SE | | -2487 | |
| 275. Nichols, Nicole | 632 1 st Ave SE | Baudette | | |
| 276. Nichols, Ashley; Carter, Adisyn Olson | Box 1024 | | 218-368-5125 | |
| 277. Nichols, Tricia; Tori, Mikaela Sindelir | Tower Dr. NE | | 434-0815 | |
| 278. Nielsen, Lori; Audrianna, Nylena | 203 River Drive NE | | -1408 | |
| 279. Nohner, Kari | | East Grand Forks, MN | | |
| 280. Nordine, Jan | 210 3 rd Ave SW | | -1088 | |
| 281. Nordlof, Kellie, James; Tanner, Ella | 625 20 th Ave NW | | -3292 | kellie_476@hotmail.com |
| 282. Nordlof, Timothy, Jennifer; Alayna | 781 17th Ave SE | | | |
| 283. Norquist, Jennifer; Beckett, Billye Hanson | Box 312 | | -1440 | bambi1922@hotmail.com |
| 284. Norris, Katrina | | | | |
| 285. Olson, Chris; Hayden, Haylie Timm | Box 945 | | 434-0128 | |
| 286. Olson, Corey; Jaxen, Breckon, Harper | 713 7 th St SE | | 952-358-1882 | |
| 287. Olson, Jeffrey | 407 6 th Ave SE | | -2793 | |
| 288. Olson, Jodi | | | | |
| 289. Olson, JJ, Darren; Blake, Brady | 408 1st Ave SW Box 332 | | -1158 434-0623 | |
| 290. Olson, Kathy | | | | |
| 291. Olson, Christian | Box 1024 | | | |
| 292. Olson, George | PO Box 16 | | | |
| 293. Olson, Lanis | | Bemidji, MN | 766-4603 | |
| 294. Olson, Larry, Eileen | 6061 15 th Ave SW | | -1071 218-395-0067 | lawrenceolson@centurytel.net |
| 295. Olson, Nichole (Jackie Delvecchio) | | | | |
| 296. Olson, Patsy | Box 124 | | 218-434-0541 | patsyolson53@gmail.com |
| 297. Olson, Susan; Taylor, Tierra | 309 1 st St Se | Baudette | -1792 | |
| 298. Orton, Randy, Carol; Erin | 651 County Rd 1 SW | | 218-395-0422 | |
| 299. Orton, Heather; Cameron, Mason Mollberg | 1633 27 th St. SW | | 434-0506 | heather.o@live.com |
| 300. Otto, Leslie | | | | |

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| 301. | Palm, Bryce | 5400 Vernon Ave #320 | Edina, MN 55436-2341 | 634-2189 218-434-0584 | |
| 302. | Palm, Joseph, Loren | PO Box 173 | | | |
| 303. | Palm, Sarah | PO Box 358 | Baudette | -2189 | |
| 304. | Park, Thais | 407 6th Ave SE | | -3521 | |
| 305. | Paulsen, John, Phyllis; Michael | 803 11 th St SW | | 218-766-2855 | ppaulsen52@hotmail.com |
| 306. | Paulsen, Alan | 803 11 th St SW | | 912-980-1478 | |
| 307. | Paulsen, Jackie | | Montana | | |
| 308. | Pederson, Ron, Barb | 660 State HWY 172 NW | | -1825 | |
| 309. | Person, Jane | Box 140 | Roosevelt, MN | 442-3044 | |
| 310. | Perusse, Aaron | | Warren, MN | | |
| 311. | Perusse, Tim, Debbie | Box 463 | | 218-766-4400 | |
| 312. | Phillippe, Shelley | Box 724 | | -1393 | |
| 313. | Pieper, Dena; Joshua | Box 1087 | | -3340 | |
| 314. | Pieper, Katie, Chris (associate); Mackenzie, Kaylee | Box 1265 | | 218-232-6061 | sandpieperdesign@hotmail.com |
| 315. | Pollard, Michelle; Wyatt | PO Box 993 | Baudette | | |
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| 317. | Poolman, Chelsea | | | | |
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| 322. | Raschke, Rachael; Jaylin, Dalton, Landin | 2403 12 th St. NW | | -3269 218-434-0695 | |
| 323. | Reasy, Whitnie; Luka | Box 25 | | | |
| 324. | Rennemo, Tina, Wade; Logan, Lexie, Hadyn | 5545 Wild Rice Road SE | | -2020 | |
| 325. | Rioux, Kent, Loretta | 2876 County Rd 1 SW | | -1338 | |
| 326. | Roberts, Bob | 222 Sleepy Hollow Ln NE | | | |
| 327. | Roberts, Linda | 3452 State HWY 11 SE | | 434-0534 | |

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| 330. Rud, Mark, Carolyn | 721 Town Road 389 | | 218-770-2640 C 218-849-7805 M | mcrud22@gmail.com |
| 331. Rudd, Curt | 687 Cty Rd 1 SW | | -1806 | cmrudd@wiktel.com |
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| 333. Russell, Christie | Box 1091 3896 County Rd 3 SW | | -3281 | |
| 334. Saccoman, Mike, Darlene | 11172 Peter Ave | Becker, MN | -3078 | |
| 335. Schell, George, Kay | 474 22 nd Ave NW | | -2875 434-0813 | kayschell@hotmail.com |
| 336. Schell, Wayne, Kay; Alexandra, John | 2034 10 th St. NW | | -1041 218-395-0777 | wkschell@mncable.net johnschell15@hotmail.com |
| 337. Schnellman, Tyler, Jacob, Melody (Tom & Jennifer) | 5596 29th Ave SE | | -1554 | |
| 338. Schoper, Nick | PO Box 140 | Roosevelt, MN | | |
| 339. Schoper, Ted | PO Box 140 | Roosevelt, MN | | |
| 340. Dahl, Kali | | Pennsylvania | | |
| 341. Schwenzfeier, Jon, Erin; Lilly | 618 1 st Ave SE | | 312-420-2067 | erinfoster39@gmail.com |
| 342. Schwieger, Mark | Box 1070 | | -2717 | |
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| 344. Shinnaberry, Bradly | | Baudette? | | |
| 345. Shinnaberry, Larry, Dollyn; Brice | 6026 Highway 22 S | New England, ND | | |
| 346. Sindelir, Bill, Debbie | | Rochester, MN | | |
| 347. Courchaine, Brooke | 11620 St HWY 11 SE | Baudette, MN | | |
| 348. Sindelir, Bryna | PO Box 224 | | | |
| 349. Sindelir, Candyce; Beau | 789 Senske Dr NW | Baudette | | |
| 350. Sindelir, Carol | 200 South 3rd St Apt # 209 | Le Sueur, MN 56058-1944 | | steves@mncable.net |
| 351. Sindelir, Clarence | 553 29 th AVE SW | | -2238 | |
| 352. Sindelir, Kelsey | | | | |
| 353. Sindelir, Mark; Devan | 3635 15 th St. SW | | -3363 | |
| 354. Sindelir, Mikaela | 502 Tower Dr NE | Baudette | | |

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| 356. Sindelir, Tori | | | | |
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| 358. Skaggs, Brenda; Rodney, Kelly | 202 22 nd St E #203 | Int'l Falls, MN 56649 | 432-0482 | |
| 359. Slick, Evelyn | 4999 County Road 1 SW | | -2594 | |
| 360. Slick, Craig, Kathy | 1566 State HWY 11 SE | | -1471 | ckslick@wiktel.com |
| 361. Slick, Camron (Keith, Angela) | | Baudette | | |
| 362. Slick, Christopher | 5 th Ave SW | Baudette | | |
| 363. Slick, Grant, Savanna; Kinsley | 795 Senske Creek Dr NW | | | savanna.slick@gmail.com |
| 364. Slick, Neal, Dian | 1273 County Road 6 NW | | -2186 | nanddslick@wiktel.com |
| 365. Slick, Megan | 1273 County Road 6 NW | Baudette | | |
| 366. Slick, Robert, Arleen | Box 761 | | -2029 | |
| 367. Smart, Christopher | | | | |
| 368. Smart, Joshua | | | | |
| 369. Smart, Samantha | 3715 Valley View Dr NE | Bemidji, MN 56601 | | |
| 370. Smart, Sherri | 2496 Lawndale | Grand Forks, ND 58201 | | |
| 371. Smith, Donovan, Susan | Box 634 220 4 th Ave. SW | | -2626 | donsue@mncable.net |
| 372. Smith, Sandra (James) | 2218 6 th St S | Moorhead, MN 56560 | 218-202-0090 | |
| 373. Snyder, Regina; Natasha, Laura, Brandon | 1715 Hodges Blvd #3203 | Jacksonville, FL | - | |
| 374. Solo, Jody | 1683 70 th Ave. NW | Williams, MN 56686 | 783-8671 | |
| 375. Sopkowiak, John, Mary; Daniel, Jacob, Alyssa, Abigail | 999 66 th Ave NW | Williams, MN 56686 | 783-7009 | mgrosland@hotmail.com johnsopk@marvin.com jsopkowiak@hotmail.com |
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| 379. Stay, Jalen | | Williams | | |
| 380. Stebakken, Crystal | 1610 7 th St SE | Baudette | | |
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| 384. Storkson, Chad | | | | |
| 385. Storkson, Chantelle | | | | |
| 386. Stolski, William John (grandson of Ruth Levasseur) | | | | |
| 387. Sorrels, Greg | | | | |
| 388. Sorrels, Jacqueline | | | | |
| 389. Straw, Judy | 418 5 th Ave SE | | -1284 | |
| 390. Streed, Karen | Box 844 | | -1847 | streek43@yahoo.com |
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| 393. Sugden, Ian | 2007 Upton Ave N | Minneapolis, MN | | |
| 394. Sugden, Marilyn | Box 72 | | -3219 | |
| 395. Sunne, Elaine; Megan | Box 884 | | -1831 | |
| 396. Sunde, Butch, Diane; Cassandra | | Alaska | | |
| 397. Swenson, Gina | | | | |
| 398. Swenson, Sheldon, Carolyn | Box 155 | | -2098 | |
| 399. Tamburro, Sharol | | Owatonna, MN | | |
| 400. Taylor, George Jr. | Box 585 | | -2059 218-766-0162 | |
| 401. Taylor, Ryan | | | | |
| 402. Thompson, Lori | Box 551 | | -1245 | |
| 403. Tillery, Lindsay; Colton and Peyton Larson | 902 County Rd 1 SW | | 218-929-0701 | |
| 404. Tischart, Kathy | 219 3 rd Ave SE | | -2078 | ktischart@hotmail.com |
| 405. Tischart, Lindsay | 1832 NE Providence Dr | Bend, OR 97701 | | |
| 406. Tischart, Tara | 2733 47 th St S #307 | Fargo, ND 58104 | | |
| 407. Toebe, Tim, Colleen; Kori Wightman | | Sartell | | |
| 408. Toll, Derek | | | | |

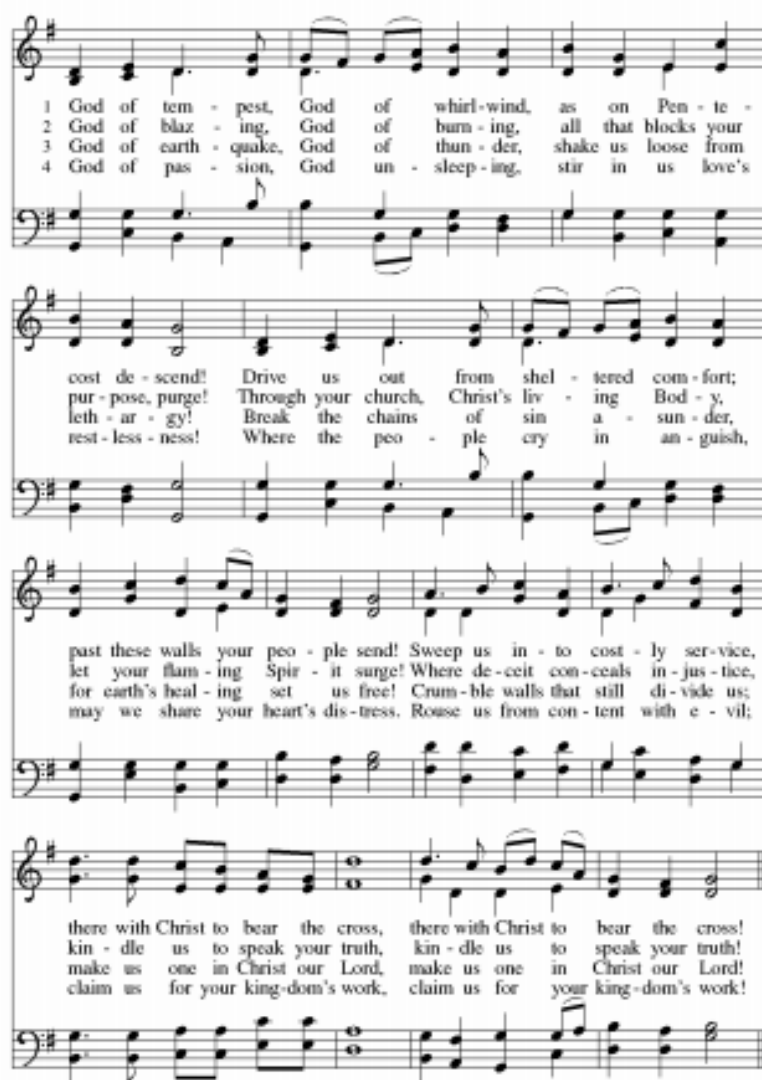
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| 412. Vaagen, Emory, Debra; Karlie, Gabe, Olivia | | | | |
| 413. Vacura, Samantha; Noah, Heaven-Leigh Thompson | | International Falls, MN | | |
| 414. Wade, Kelvin, Jr., Makayla Harrison, LaTrez Sublett (Jessica Wade) | | Watertown, MN | | |
| 415. Washburn, AJ | 1108 Co Rd 18 | | -1749 218-395-0578 | |
| 416. Washburn, Benjamin, Tiana Watson, Zakai and Koda | PO Box 534 | Baudette | 434-1078 | |
| 417. Washburn, Mark, Joyce | 1108 Co Rd 18 | | -1749 2180395-0951J 218-395-0167M | |
| 418. Washburn, Jessica, Luke; Ashton Lucek | 1503 St. Hwy 172 NW | | -1624 | |
| 419. Westerlund, Janelle | Box 582 | | -1972 | |
| 420. Westerlund, Joncarlo | Box 582 | | | |
| 421. Whipple, Amity | | | | |
| 422. Whipple, Brent | | | | |
| 423. Whipple, David | 606 1 st Ave SE | | -1303 | |
| 424. Moyer, Christina; Heidi | | Bemidji, MN | | |
| 425. Whipple, Madison | College | St Cloud | | |
| 426. Wiener, Jeff | Box 22 | Warroad, MN | 218-395-0454 | |
| 427. Wierenga, Sarah (Kroeger) | 503 Aspen St | Vandenberg AFB, CA 93437 | | |
| 428. Wiczek, Sandy | Box 956 | | 651-295-7735 | |
| 429. Williams, Kelly; Jacqueline, Jeanette, Luke | 1035 East Ave N | Onalaska, WI 54640 | 395-0049 | |
| 430. Wymore, Steve, Carolyn; Katie | Box 445 | Nisswa, MN 56458 | 434-0530 | |
| 431. Yargus, Sharon | 1572 John St | Sycamore, IL | | |

Litany

- L. Gathering together as God's people in this place, may we always be aware of your presence in our midst.
- C. Lord, may we always be aware of your presence.
- L. Knowing that the Word is our light, may we continue to grow in our scriptural and confessional understandings.
- C. Lord, may our minds continue to grow in your word.
- L. Recognizing that stepping out in faith is not easy, we ask that you give us strength, O Lord, to listen and be bold and daring.
- C. Lord, give us the patience to listen and the strength to be bold and daring.
- L. While we strive to know ourselves and your will for us, may we build our relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- C. Lord, help us to build faith-filled and healthy relationships with others.
- L. Recognizing that we are often the ones asking, "And who is my neighbor?" may we open our eyes, ears and hearts to all those in the community in which we live.
- C. Lord, may we always be open to those in the community in which we live.
- L. Recognizing the importance of Moses, the prophets and disciples, may we work together to accompany and raise up leaders for your church.
- C. Lord, may we have the insight, encouragement and skills to raise up courageous leaders.
- L. Recognizing the many gifts you have entrusted to us, may we use these gifts to do your work in the world today.
- C. Lord, may we use the gifts entrusted to us to do your work.

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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- L. Let us pray. As we strive to be your church of the present and the future, may we nurture a spirit of collaboration and solidarity. May we all be partners in sharing the gospel and believing in Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the life of the world.

C. Amen.

Beyond the Wall: Making All Things New



When have you discovered newness in life through Christ? Did you have to step out in faith to do so? Perhaps you had to let go of your will and accept God's will. This

is a major turning point in the faith journey of many people. There are examples in Scripture about Job (Job 29-30), Elijah (1 Kings 19:4-14), Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:1-2) and the women at the tomb (Luke 23:55 – 24:5). Consider the story of the rich young man (Matthew 19:16-26, Mark 10:17-31, Luke 18:18-30). He approached Jesus with a simple question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replied, "Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven." When the young man heard this, he was very sad and walked away, because he was very rich. Given the choice, he found it difficult to forsake wealth in this world for the promise of God and eternal life.

Sometimes there are barriers or walls that complicate trying something new or stepping out in faith. What walls or barriers have you encountered? Consider the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), who wanted to witness Jesus preaching but was too short to see past the crowd. After Zacchaeus climbed a tree, Jesus called out to him and invited himself to lunch in Zacchaeus' home. We know what Jesus said to Zacchaeus,

and he was a different person afterward. He had changed from wanting wealth and success in this world to desiring significance through a life of faith. When have you, or your congregation, chosen success over significance? Perhaps when using numbers or the size of your facilities as a measure. Moving toward significance usually means sacrificing success. In what areas of ministry is your congregation seeking significance today?

Stepping out in faith may be a personal choice for a short time but usually involves accompanying others. As members in the body of Christ, we are not called to meet our own needs alone. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) calls us to go beyond our barriers and bring the message of Jesus Christ to others. This helps us grow beyond a Christian enclave to become servants of Christ and a serving community. In what ways has your congregation moved from an enclave to a servant community?

Overcoming barriers and walls to make things new involves stepping out in faith. It means shaking loose from lethargy and moving out from sheltered comfort. In the process we break the chains of sin that hold us back and divide us from making us one in Christ. When we share in the distress of God's heart to do the kingdom's work, we are in tune with God's will, choosing significance over success and becoming a servant community. This is when we feel the vitality of our faith and the power of the Holy Spirit. May you experience this newness in Christ in and through your ministry.