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**South Santiago  
Lutheran Church**

**2014 Annual Report**

January 26, 2014

## 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2013

President Rusty Lear called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

30 people were in attendance. Quorum declared present.

Pastor Dave Solberg gave the opening devotions from Isaiah Chapter 43, and 2nd Corinthians Chapter 5.

Heidi Bachler motioned to adopt the agenda, second by Joy Hurd, motion carried.

Mark Swanson motioned to accept the minutes from 1/22/2012 Annual Congregational Meeting, second by Holly Klinker. Motion passed.

A video from Bishop Jon Anderson of the SW Minnesota Synod was viewed.

Shelly Bluhm presented the Treasurer's 2012 report.

### **Old Business**

Rich Alickson gave update on the Prayer Garden; the project has been completed.

Walt Munsterman gave an update on the Call Committee status. We've had 9 candidates so far. Four people have been interviewed for the position. As of January 18, 2013, we have received 2 more candidates to review.

### **New Business**

Election of church council members (three open council seats). We had an empty ballot. Mark, Shelly, and Mike had terms ending. The floor was open for nominations. Mark Swanson made a motion to nominate Joy Hurd. Joy accepted the nomination. Walt Munsterman nominated Mark Swanson to run another term. Mark accepted the nomination. The third position was not filled. Everyone present accepted Joy and Mark as new council members.

Synod Assembly - Mark Swanson nominated Walt Munsterman to attend. Dee Holt and Mark Swanson volunteered to attend. No other nominations were made. Mark Swanson noted that Synod attendees will be responsible for their own fees as a cost saving measure for the church.

Jeremy Hallquist made a motion to accept approval of the committees. Amy Lear second the motion. Motion passed.

Shelly Bluhm presented the 2013 budget. Richard Harshman made a motion to accept the budget. Marvel Paulson second the motion. Motion passed.

Rich Alickson mentioned that the gable ends need repair and windows still need caulking. Last year's quote was \$5,000 to repair gable ends and \$1,500 to caulk windows. That money has been allocated in the budget for 2013.

Jeremy Hallquist made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Amy Lear. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## Church Council - Re-organization Meeting for 2013 Council

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The meeting was called to order by President Rusty Lear immediately after the Annual Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Council Members present: Pastor Dave Solberg, Rusty Lear, Joy Hurd, Kim Kampa, Bert Robb, Mark Swanson, and Makayla Zerwas.

Motion to nominate Joy Hurd for Secretary, no other nominations, motion passed. Joy elected Secretary.

Motion to nominate Kim Kampa for Treasurer, no other nominations, motion passed. Kim elected to Treasurer.

Motion was made to vote on the President position. Voting took place and Mark was elected President.

Motion was made for Rusty to accept Vice President office, motion passed.

Next meeting set for February 12, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

## 2014 Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order—Mark (Make sure all in attendance sign attendance sheets)
2. Opening Devotions—Pastor Mike
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Reading and adoption of minutes of January 20, 2013
5. Treasurer's Report—Kim
6. Old business
  - A. Building Maintenance update—Walt
7. New Business
  - A. Presentation of proposed changes to SSLC Constitution
  - B. Presentation of proposed changes to SSLC Bylaws
  - C. Election of Council members (Report of nomination committee-Mark Swanson, nominations allowed from floor)\*.
  - D. Election of delegates to Synod Assembly—Friday June 13 through 15 at Gustavus in St. Peter  
(three delegates, must have both female and male)
  - E. Presentation of committees for 2014
  - F. Budget Presentation for 2014
  - G. Presentation of other Building Maintenance (maintenance of beams and Narthex carpeting)—Walt
  - H. Other New Business
8. Adjournment
9. Closing with Lord's Prayer

NOTE—The Council (with newly elected members) will meet immediately following the Annual Meeting in the Sacristy to elect Officers for 2014.

\*—Election will be separated into three portions, (1) 3 members for full terms (3 years), (2) 1 to fill term that was left vacant at last annual meeting (current filled by Jessica Johnson) and (3) 2 young adult/youth terms (currently filled by Hannah Lawrence and Frannie Bowles).

## Pastor's Message



*And the One who was seated on the throne  
[Jesus] said, "See, I am making all things new."  
Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."  
Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the beginning and the end.  
To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."  
—Revelation 21:5-6*

A new year... a new pastor... there is much of which to take stock as we leave 2013 behind and anticipate 2014.

Of course, the Bible is full of such hopeful transition from the old to the new. One of the Old Testament narratives from which we read a couple of episodes this past fall was of the Exodus from Egypt and the transition into the Promised Land. Those wilderness wandering stories have to them a strong sense of "leaving behind the old" and "preparing for the new." Likewise, many of the prophets' writings to the captives in Babylon and the historical books that details those captives' return to Jerusalem (Ezra and Nehemiah, for example), detail the struggle between "who we once were" and "who God is now making us to be."

The grief process is a process of transition between old and new, as well. The emotion and the difficult of moving on is one between "who I once was" and "who I now will be." It is no simple nor easy matter to "move on," though it can and should happen for us to be brought into the new life that God intends in the face of death. The words that the apostle John writes in Revelation, then, shouldn't just be understood as some end of the world, pie-in-the-sky-by-and-by-when-you-die kind of hope. Faith in God isn't simply a matter of "Help Me Make it Through the Night," as Kris Kristofferson once wrote as it is an expressive, active hope that there will be a new day AFTER that night. "*See, I am making ALL THINGS new,*" Jesus says.

South Santiago Lutheran Church has a healthy and proud history of negotiating well these transitions between "old" and "new." (Almost none of these transitions are ever chosen, by the way, either by individuals or by organizations. Or so it seems. Our tendency seems to be toward "stasis," stability, and staying the same. Which, of course, has become the tragic joke about being Lutheran.) But our congregation has done well in facing significant "old-new" transitions between becoming a congregation unto itself, for example, and certainly after the fire in 2000. That transition has been happening again through the interim process prior to my arrival, and again, it seems that that process has been a good, healthy one between letting go of the old and anticipating the new.

As a new pastor in a new setting looking forward to a new year, I have begun working alongside you to have you help me figure out what all this newness means for our future together. On Sunday, December 15, twenty of us from across the congregation's demographics—young & old, newer members and long-time members, men and women, etc.—gathered together for a Town Hall-Style Meeting to begin listening. On that day, we began a process of THREE GREAT LISTENINGS: listening to God; listening to each other in our congregation; and listening to the community around us. What we hear and how we respond helps us transition from "who we've been comfortable being" to "who God is now calling us to be."

Some of the questions with which we wrestled were: **1. My favorite thing about SSLC is...** (listening to each other); **2. One way I believe the Word—Jesus and his teaching—become flesh through SSLC is...** (listening to God); and **3. What are some major challenges people in our community are facing?** (listening to our community). Through these conversations, we have begun to identify some **core, common values**, values like “community” and “cross-generational ministry” and “service.”

**The desired outcome of this process is that in identifying our shared, core values and applying them along with our mission statement (“Teaching the Word. Reaching the World”), we might have a strong, vital sense of where God is calling us into the future and what God is calling us to be in this new year and beyond.**

There will certainly be more opportunities to be a part of this process. **AND WE NEED AS MANY OF YOU AS WE POSSIBLY CAN TO PARTICIPATE.** We’ll be doing some of this at our annual, congregational meeting and at other gatherings during this year. Please join us in LISTENING with your fellow members and friends to hear God’s Calling for us.

See you in worship,

Pastor Mike

## Pastoral Care in 2013

### Baptisms

Ryiah Jade Cameron-Olson  
Kinley Longley  
Griffin Baldry  
Ethan Haus  
Aubriella Christenson

### Funerals

Bryan Larson  
Allan Klinker

### New Members

\*\*Jayme, Kirsten, Callie, Mason,  
Madison Doucette;  
\*\*Jan and Craig Dahlberg;  
\*\*Marj Weir;  
\*\*Jonathon McCollum;  
\*\*Tim, Melanie, Gavin, Noah,  
Easton Mielke;  
\*\*Jeff, Tammy, Emily, Amanda,  
Jacob Bergsten;  
\*\*Mike, Kari, Olsen, Laura, Anna,  
Eleanor Pancoast;  
\*\*Lester and Pat Krei;  
\*\*Tom, Amber, Jayden,  
William Stanger

## Youth & Family Ministry



I find myself this year lost in the lyrics to one of our beloved hymns. What confidence is found in something we so often sing in worship. What joy fills my mind to listen to these words sung by the worshiping people of God in our community. Though the events of 2013 have been full of many challenges, it has also been grounded in the strength that only our God can provide.

This year we have continued on course with many of the wonderful programs and events throughout the year. I wanted to take a few moments to highlight and uplift many of the wonderful ministries happening throughout our youth ministry program this year. Many of which would not happen without your generosity and support as a congregation. Here are just a few of the wonderful things that happened this year:

- \*Thanksgiving meal. This year our program served an estimated 150 plates to people in the local community as well as SSLC community.
- \*Becker Backpack Buddies is currently serving 194 students this year across all schools. This program will be emulated from SSLC's program, to reach the Big Lake community in 2014 with an estimated 250 students at one school.
- \*Our Christmas Give Tree reached 10 families this calendar year with gifts and gift cards for families in need in our community.
- \*Continued confirmation and worship on Wednesday evening with some of the best mentors on the planet. We are blessed to have an amazing team of volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to caring for our young people.
- \*This year your generosity helped to send 53 people to Lake Traverse, SD for a week of service and mission opportunities. Many students who came back have had ongoing service to the community through this experience.
- \*This year students gathered and sent 2,000 food items and the Becker Food Shelf gathering from the community. We are grateful for the people that helped to pack up and deliver the food to the Food Shelf.
- \*Our Confirmation Students are volunteering monthly with the CROSS Center in Foley, helping to pack food and stock for their food shelf ministry.
- \*Thanks to the dedication to our mentors our youth have begun to take active roles in volunteering for communion and worship positions on Sunday mornings. We have had the blessing of watching them begin to take ownership of the worship life of SSLC both Wednesdays and Sundays.
- \*We have added two lovely students to our 2013-14 church council for the youth candidate positions. Hannah Lawrence and Frannie Bowles. We are grateful for their leadership with council.
- \*Revitalization of our prayer partner ministry. Thank you to Dee Holt for this dedication of time to these young people.

2013 began and ended with the loss of students in our community. This heartbreak has echoed in the thoughts of this youth ministry throughout this year. It resounds and echoes in the conversations had on a daily basis with students and families. My confidence in this program is that we are building and growing so that we can respond to these concerns in the lives of our students.

We are incredibly grateful for the ministry that happened in 2013. Many of these things could not happen without your generosity, care and concern and the value that you have placed on the ministry that happens here. We eagerly greet 2014 with the confidence that "...through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever."

Respectfully,  
Jeremy Hallquist  
Director of Youth and Family Ministries

*The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.  
Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth.  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.  
And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.*

~By Henry W. Baker: LBW #412

## Council President

Grace and Peace to each of you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In many ways, this has seemed like a very long year. We started 2013 still working on our search for a new pastor with Pastor David Solberg serving as our Interim Pastor. As with all major changes, it never seems to move as swiftly as you would like, but we continued to maintain the extensive ministry we have formed with our mission statement, “Teaching the Word, Reaching the World” continuing to guide our ministry.



The strength of our congregation continues to shine through our youth programs. The Sunday School program continued strong between services with students in grades Pre-K through 4th grade filling up the rooms and the front of the church each time they have had an opportunity to sing to us. We expanded our Wednesday evening ministry as we established a regular worship service schedule on Wednesdays that meets the needs of those who have schedules such that they aren't able to join us on Sunday mornings. In addition, we restarted our prayer ministry that matches each of the youth in our program with an adult that has agreed to pray for them. There is so much going on in our ministry together that I struggle with what to include and what will inevitably get left out. Know that all of it is appreciated and there is a place for everyone to be involved.

In September, we called Pastor Mike Pancoast and our ministry turned toward a new chapter as we said ‘goodbye’ to Pastor Dave, and Pastor Mike and his family joined us. Most recently they had been serving at a congregation in Minot, ND, and he had previously served congregations in western Wisconsin. Pastor Mike brings a new kind of energy with a focus on bringing the ministry into your own family and discovering faith through strong relationships. We continue to pray for Pastor Mike, his wife Kari and their four children (Olsen, Laura, Anna, and Eleanor) as they join in support the mission of our congregation.

We end this year with a substantial budget shortfall which leaves us with the stewardship challenges we have faced over the last couple of years. We know God has provided us with all that we need and will continue to need according to His will. We know this year He will continue to bless us abundantly. We need each and every one of you and your gifts of time, talent and resources to strive to meet our mission, “Teaching the Word, Reaching the World”.

As we close up 2013 and go into 2014 we can see God's direction forming for our congregation; the hope that comes from knowing He has a plan for us, and the energy that comes from knowing we are having an impact in our community and the world around us. I thank God for each and every one of you as children of God who volunteer your time, your talents, and your resources to make this ministry work. From Ephesians, Chapter 1, verses 3-6 (excerpt), “Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ.” (The Message). Thank you Lord, for all you have given us this past year. We ask that you continue to Bless the ministry of South Santiago Lutheran Church and that we can continue to be the hands to do Your work. We submit all we have to Your Plan and Purpose. In Your Son's Name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Swanson

## Board of Education Report

Here are the highlights from 2013:

- Sunday school students sang approximately 5 times throughout the year during worship services.
- We put Children's Bibles in the sanctuary for all to use during worship.
- We started a Bible Buck program where children learn Bible verses and then they earn a Bible Buck. We have a Bible Buck Market set up once a month for the children to come spend their Bucks on treats and toys.
- We hosted 2 Parent's night outs where parents had the opportunity to drop off their children at the church for activities and fun. Some older youth and the Education Board members play games, crafts, watch a movie and have a pizza supper with the children. Approximately 20 children come to these events.
- We helped the Altar guild serve, and do the clean up at one of the Lenten soup suppers.
- We planted a vegetable garden and donated all the produce to the Becker Food Shelf.
- We put a float together for the Becker Freedom Days parade. We handed out fliers for Vacation Bible School and the annual Pig Roast Dinner.
- In August we had our annual Vacation Bible School for five evenings. Approximately 50 kids attended for this program. They enjoyed a week of fun while learning about God and praising his name. We couldn't have done it without the wonderful group of older youth and parents who volunteered to help run the groups and stations.
- We started the 2013 Sunday School year with approximately 60 children.
- We sponsored Ken Toledo from the Philippines through Children's International.
- All 3rd grade students received a gift of a Children's bible in October.
- All the teachers continue to make up their own curriculum.
- Approximately 50 children enjoyed making Advent crafts on Advent craft Sunday.
- We held our Christmas program called "Christmas Around the World." We learned how 6 countries celebrate Christmas, and the kids enjoyed decorating a Christmas tree in the process. All the children worked very hard on the songs and did a great job in their program! They also sang at the Christmas Eve service.
- We put up a mitten and coat tree to collect coats, mittens, hats, snow pants, boots, etc. and then we donated them to "Place of Hope" ministries in St. Cloud.
- We sold calendars as a fundraiser to purchase additional Children's Bibles to be placed in the sanctuary.



Another year has come and gone, and I still look forward to serving the church and helping each and every child find their way to learn about God. I am so thankful for all the teachers and youth helpers that are here every Sunday to bring God into the children's lives.

Our Education board consists of 5 people who have great ideas that helps move our Sunday school program to make it better. We meet once a month on 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm. All are welcome to join us.

Thank you to everyone who has helped the Sunday school program.

God's blessings,

Karla Zerwas, Sunday School Superintendent



## Building and Grounds Report

### 2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

\*Caulking around windows completed.

\*Gutters on canopy completed. (Both completed with designated Memorial fund donations.)

The Building and Grounds committee would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with the upkeep of the church building and grounds. We know if we name persons, we know we will certainly forget some.

### PROJECTS for 2014:

\*Controlled burn of the native plantings area on the east side of the prayer garden and the parking lot.

\*Reseal and repair of the gable ends on the roof of the church building.

\*Replace carpet in the fellowship area.

Burning will again depend on the weather conditions as it did last year. (Building and Grounds Committee will complete this project.)

The project of repairing of the roof gables is very important, as it will only become more costly if we wait for this project to be completed.

Carpet replacement should be done depending on the budget of our church.

Again a special thank you to all for the tasks such as, lawn mowing, furnace filter changing, light bulb changing, snow plowing, prayer garden upkeep, repair work, plus many other tasks.

God's Blessings,  
Rich Alickson,  
Building and Grounds Chair

Committee Members: Ralph Johnson, Gary Lindsey, Curt Michaletz, Walt Munsterman, Bill Rogers

## Pig Roast 2013

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Fundraising Income	\$10,137.01	\$8,521.75	\$7,533.50	\$7,576.06
Fundraising Expense	\$6,696.33	\$7,610.20	\$4,237.75	\$5,581.94
Profit	\$3,440.68	\$1,625.40	\$4,043.75	\$3,099.62
WELCA Income	\$983.50	\$713.85	\$748.00	\$452.75
Men's Ministry Income	\$80.00	0	0	0



in 2010 we served 500 people.  
In 2011 we served 500 people.  
In 2012 we served 375 people.  
In 2013 we served 468 people.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report	1/1/2013	12/31/2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Petty Cash	\$300.00	\$300.00
Checking-Frandsen Bank	\$12,491.07	\$10,771.12
Money Market –Frandsen Bank	\$42,370.32	\$20,487.11
Buildings & Grounds	\$1,646,643.00	\$1,646,643.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,701,804.39</b>	<b>\$1,678,201.23</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
Frandsen Mortgage	\$731,223.85	\$703,494.22
941 Payroll Tax	\$1,140.90	\$903.69
Accrued Expense	\$202.00	\$130.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$732,566.75</b>	<b>\$704,527.91</b>
General Fund	-\$526.63	-\$15,164.53
Building Fund	-\$8,415.30	-\$11,583.71
Memorial Fund	\$5,129.67	\$5,354.67
Mission Fund	-\$10.00	\$304.98
Library Fund	-\$22.27	0.00
Local Benevolence Fund	\$3,556.44	\$2,598.93
Net Fixed Assets	\$929,786.42	\$957,516.05
Jr & Sr High Youth Fund	\$6,410.63	\$8,843.06
Mission Scholarship Fund	\$2,965.22	\$3,065.22
Fund Raiser Fund	\$16,360.99	\$8,416.81
Choir & Music Fund	\$523.42	\$932.97
Nursery Fund	\$55.00	\$55.00
Log Church Restoration Fund	\$4,879.81	\$4,894.81
Men's Ministry Fund	\$3,437.05	\$3,924.16
Marriage Ministry Fund	\$820.98	\$820.98
BackPack Buddies Fund	\$4,286.21	\$3,693.92
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$969,237.64</b>	<b>\$973,673.32</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$1,701,804.39</b>	<b>\$1,678,201.23</b>

## 2014 Proposed Budget

	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
General Fund Income	\$210,000.00	\$204,253.37	\$210,000.00
Building Fund Income	\$68,000.00	\$59,202.66	\$68,000.00
Other Fund Income	\$2,015.00	\$2,562.79	\$2,960.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$280,015.00</b>	<b>\$266,018.82</b>	<b>\$280,960.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Total Pastor Expense	\$78,594.00	\$78,912.12	\$90,977.00
Total Salary	\$64,167.00	\$63,983.00	\$68,790.00
Total Payroll Taxes	\$5,926.00	\$5,417.80	\$6,160.00
Total Lay Expense	\$0.00	\$178.94	\$0.00
Total Music Expense	\$5,565.00	\$5,026.94	\$4,674.00
Total Utility Expense	\$9,310.00	\$8,540.50	\$8,880.00
Total Building Maintenance	\$16,600.00	\$11,409.71	\$9,366.00
Total Administration	\$10,049.00	\$9,589.21	\$9,039.00
Total Youth Expense	\$3,439.00	\$4,675.03	\$3,515.00
Total Adult Education	\$170.00	\$236.59	\$190.00
Total Worship Expense	\$1,569.00	\$3,725.18	\$1,500.00
Total Outreach Expense	\$19,079.00	\$20,194.55	\$17,600.00
Total Loan Expense	\$68,000.00	\$68,000.00	\$68,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$282,468.00</b>	<b>\$279,652.98</b>	<b>\$288,691.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$2,453.00</b>	<b>-\$13,634.16</b>	<b>-\$7,731.00</b>

## Unbudgeted Wish List Items

- Carpeting in Narthex
- Contribution toward Adult fees for Mission trip
- Flashing covering on roof gable ends

## Women of the ELCA 2013

<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>01/01/2013</b>	<b>\$1,546.87</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Bible Studies	142.04	
Spring Thankoffering	170.00	
Cookbook sales	71.00	
Memorials	300.00	
Youth Group	40.00	
Pig Roast Cake Walk and Bake Sale	452.75	
Craft and Bake Sale	1,675.55	
Fall Thankoffering	1,223.04	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,074.38</b>	
<b>Available Funds</b>		<b>\$5,621.25</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Flowers	29.99	
Sunshine Committee Cards	58.10	
Quilting Supplies	1,181.42	
Youth Mission Trip Donation	500.00	
Synod Convention Offering	100.00	
Convention Registration	50.00	
Spring Thankoffering to Synod	170.00	
Postage	53.79	
Kitchen Supplies	101.77	
Craft Fair expenses	368.04	
Staff Christmas gifts	265.96	
Lange Home treats	23.73	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,902.80</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$2,718.45</b>

## Altar Guild 2013

Opening Balance	01/01/2013	\$1,773.91
<b>Income</b>		
Soup Suppers	\$416.25	
Offerings	\$20.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$444.25</b>	<b>\$2,218.16</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Augsburg	\$246.24	
Misc.	\$808.95	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,055.19</b>	
Ending Balance	12/31/2013	\$1,162.97

## Cemetery Board 2013

Opening Balance	01/01/2013	\$1,759.15
<b>Deposits</b>		
Interest	\$34.36	
Cemetery lots	\$250.00	
Donations	\$90.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$374.36</b>	<b>\$2,133.51</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Concrete Mix	\$78.99	
Youth Mission Trip Donation	\$500.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$578.99</b>	
Ending Balance	12/31/2013	\$1,554.52

## Noisy Offerings for 2013

Every fourth Sunday we collect a Noisy Offering (loose coin, bills thrown into a metal pot to make noise) for a specific area of need. With the check that we send, we send a letter with the following statement explaining our donation.

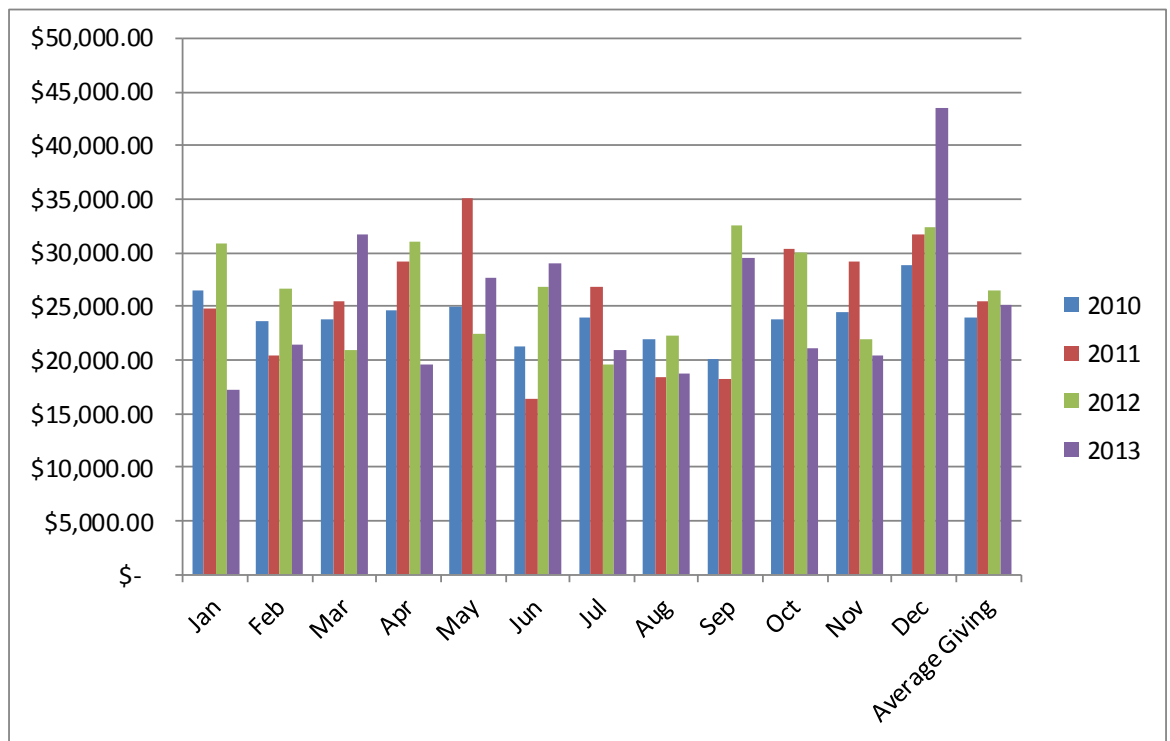
*“We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. An important part of our mission is following Christ's call to witness to the whole world. Part of our outreach includes receiving a "Noisy" offering of coins on the fourth Sunday of every month which is then designated for a mission/outreach beyond the walls of our own church.*

*Many years ago, our church was lost to a horrible arson fire. In the aftermath of that event, we received a shower of blessings of churches and individuals that helped us regain our ministry. From that day, we determined that generosity, outreach and hospitality would be first priorities for our congregation. “*

Below is where we sent your offerings for 2013. Thank you for your generosity.

<b>January</b>	SSLC Meals Ministry	185.37
<b>February</b>	St. Cloud State University Campus Ministry	216.00
<b>March</b>	Minnesota FoodShare	218.65
<b>April</b>	Kids Fighting Hunger	131.09
<b>May</b>	SSLC Youth Mission Trip	131.09
<b>June</b>	ELCA Disaster Fund	145.78
<b>July</b>	SSLC Local Benevolence Fund	121.09
<b>August</b>	Cross Center in Foley	197.58
<b>September</b>	Lutheran Disaster Response-Colorado Flooding	0.00
<b>October</b>	Lutheran Disaster Response-Colorado Flooding	1,203.84
<b>November</b>	Eagle's Healing Nest in Sauk Centre	161.52
<b>December</b>	Children's International Sunday School sponsor child in Philippines	159.75

### Family Giving Comparison year to year 2010 to 2013



## Committees/Groups for 2014

This is not a complete or final list, all members are welcome to be part of any group. Just let us know if you are interested.

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Sam Stone  
Joy Hurd  
Dee Holt  
Mark Swanson

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Karla Zerwas  
Jenn Bluhm  
Kris Mateyka  
Ruth Thom  
Allie Stone

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Marvel Paulson  
Holly Klinker  
Carol Michaletz  
Ginny Kampa  
Alberta Brown  
Dee Holt  
Robyn Brown  
Heidi Hansen

### YOUTH BOARD

Jeremy Hallquist  
Amy Lear  
Marianne Lindsey  
Steve Bachler  
Sara Gallus  
Molly Loven

### CEMETERY BOARD

Sexton: Bill Rogers  
Treasurer: Carol Michaletz  
Members: Rich Alickson,  
Richard Harshman,  
Marvel Paulson  
Sandy Empting

### SHARING MEALS MINISTRY

Dee Holt  
Dee Punton  
Wendy Reisem

### PIG ROAST COMMITTEE

Lisa Orton

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

Walt Munsterman  
Gary Lindsey  
Curt Michaletz  
Rich Alickson  
Ralph Johnson  
Bill Rogers

### LONGE RANGE PLANNING

Shelly Gilmore  
Kris Mateyka  
Kenny Howe  
Scott Bursch  
Carey Bowles  
Mark Swanson

### MONEY COUNTERS

Jan/July  
Nancy Alickson, Barb Marsh  
Feb/Aug  
Mark Swanson, Lavonne Gilyard,  
Mar/Sept  
Rosalie Klinker  
Apr/Oct  
Melanie Niday, Tammy Miller-Hess,  
May/Nov  
Dee Holt, Nikki Priebe  
Jun/Dec  
Ralph Johnson

### FAMILY SERVICE GROUPS

Jan/July  
Cheryl Ellingson, Dee Punton  
Ushers -Dani Priebe  
Feb/Aug  
Nancy Alickson  
Ushers - Tim Gallus, Rich Alickson  
Mar/Sept  
Shelly Fassler & Kim Kampa  
Ushers - Ryan Johnson, Kevin Kampa  
Apr/Oct  
Holly Klinker

Ushers - Richard Harshman,  
Scott Alickson

### May/Nov

Donna Bergman, Dee Holt  
Ushers - Bert Robb, Rick Gonnerman

### Jun/Dec

Dee Holt, Lavonne Gilyard  
Ushers-Mark Swanson

### SW MN SYNOD CONFERENCE

\*\*Delegates Needed

### LIBRARIAN

Rosalie Klinker

### BEFRIENDERS MINISTRY

Marlene Olson

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

\*\*Needed

### HISTORIAN

Holly Klinker

### ALTAR GUILD

Sandy Empting

### FUNERAL COORDINATOR

Church Office

### GRADUATE QUILTERS

Shelly Bluhm

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mark Swanson

### MISSION QUILTERS

Shelly Bluhm

### CHOIR DIRECTOR

Heidi Hansen

### PRAYER CHAIN

Carol Michaletz

### RELAY FOR LIFE CANCER WALK

Donna Pozorski

### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sandy Empting, Barb Kydd

### WOMEN OF SSLC

Cheryl Ellingson

Kari Pancoast

Jeanette Harshman

Barb Marsh

Dee Punton

Becky Bursch

Shelly Gilmore

Sheri Haus

## SSLC Statistical Information

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Young Adults Confirmed	20	14	14	14	19	15
Baptized	11	19	16	16	17	5
First Communion (5th/6th Grade)	13	24	11	19	15	33
Member Funerals	4	5	0	4	6	1
Graduates	16	14	22	24	15	17
New Members Received	93	46	34	41	13	30
Transfers Out	0	2	15	0	14	11
Third Grade Bibles	13	14	20	15	17	13
Member Weddings	7	1	1	2	2	0



## Southwest Minnesota Synod Offerings

Look what God has been able to do through us!

*Look what God has been up to with YOUR mission support dollars!*

*Congregations and individuals in our Southwestern Minnesota Synod have been generous in 2013 with the financial resources that God has provided. As we have watched the harvest of fields upon fields of rich farmland, we also watched the blessings of ministry through the grace of God all over our synod and far beyond.*

### Southwestern Minnesota Synod Ministries

##Mission Staffing \$30.61

Includes compensation and benefits for synod staff (pastoral, program, and support) who support the mission of our SW MN Synod.

##Shared Ministries \$12.00

Ministry partners include Lutheran Campus Ministry, ELCA Colleges, Luther Seminary, Shalom Hill Farm, MN Council of Churches and Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in MN.

##General Administration \$2.55

Costs for operational expense of synod.

##Leadership/Programs \$2.34

Candidacy, boards, governance and other programs.

Total \$47.50



**\$100 given in 2013  
Mission Support**

**47.5% went to  
SW MN Synod Ministries**

**52.5% went to  
ELCA Churchwide Ministries**

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR GIFTS!**

### ELCA Churchwide Ministries

##Congregations & Synods \$20.49

Supports new and renewing congregations in the USA and works with synods in many ways including Directors for Evangelical Mission.

##Global Mission \$10.51

Missionaries and global partnerships are supported. Additional money from World Hunger nearly doubles this amount!

##Mission Advancement \$4.20

Manages World Hunger and Disaster Relief so 100% of gifts are given for their purposes.

##Mission Administration \$15.20

The Offices of Presiding Bishop, Treasurer, and Secretary provide oversight and management of our ELCA's mission.

##Retiree Support \$2.10

Financial support for retirees whose pensions are in need of assistance.

Total \$52.50



## Thank you to all those who served this year:

- \*Gretchen Brovold for donating food for the Meal Ministry;
- \*Bill Empting for the wooden corner trim in the entryway;
- \*Kim Kampa for making decorations for the FSG sign up board;
- \*5th and 6th grade students who helped label water bottles for our booth at the Becker Expo;
- \*Sandy & Bill Empting, Richard & Jeanette Harshman, Bert Robb and Karla Zerwas for working at our booth at the Expo;
- \*Julie Johnson for designing the floral arrangement for the kitchen;
- \*Shelly Bluhm for donating office chairs;
- \*Kenny Howe, Dave Kisner, Rich Alickson, Jeff Bluhm, Mike Nitsch, Ryan Johnson, Behn Johnson, Bill Empting, Tim Gallus, Bill Rogers, Ralph Johnson and Richard Harshman for snow removal;
- \*Julie Johnson for delivering the donations to the Becker Food Shelf;
- \*Curt Michaletz for installing new light fixtures in the entryway;
- \*Ralph Johnson for replacing the drawer glides in the kitchen;
- \*Alberta Brown, Vikki Nielsen, Sherry Wynkoop, Sandy Empting and Joy Hurd for setting up tables for the Mission Festival Breakfast;
- \*Altar Guild members for all the yummy soups and serving soup supper on Wednesday evenings;
- \*Judy Olson, Karla Zerwas, Noelle Swanson, Kristen Brovold, Cadie Pappenfus, Hannah Lawrence, Hayden Fassler, Blake Barthel, Makayla Zerwas and Emily Brovold for serving at Ash Wednesday worship;
- \*Sandy Empting and Mark Swanson for preparing the tables for the Mission Festival Breakfast;
- \*Lisa Orton for serving as Kitchen Lead for the breakfast;
- \*All council members who served Mission Festival breakfast;
- \*All Youth group members and adults who served a tasty soup supper, and served for Wednesday worship;
- \*Marvel Paulson for delivering donations to the Becker Food Shelf;
- \*Carey Bowles, Vikki Nielsen, Paul Eid, Carol Kaas, Jeanette Harshman, Nancy Alickson, Carol Michaletz, Marvel Paulson, and Julie Johnson for newsletter mailing preparation;
- \*Joy Hurd for compiling the "Sharing your Gifts" sheets;
- \*Jessica Johnson and Billie Van Lith for sharing their faith stories during Lenten season;
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- \*Bill Empting for patching damaged spots in the sheetrock walls;
- \*Relay for Life group members, and Choir members for serving tasty soup suppers for Lent;
- \*Pastor Dave for his very moving faith story;
- \*Heidi Hansen and all members of the choir for a GREAT Palm Sunday Cantata;
- \*To everyone who donated coats for families in need on Palm Sunday worship services;
- \*Heidi Hansen, Helen Swanson, Ellie and Jeremy Hallquist for providing special music for Easter week services;
- \*All families who donated Coborn's turkey cards;
- \*Wynkoop and Niesche families for donating Easter lilies for Sunday services;
- \*Men's Ministry group for serving Easter breakfast;
- \*Rich Alickson for helping load Backpack Buddies food;
- \*Jill Schaapveld for catering a delicious lunch for the worship planners meeting;
- \*Pastor Dave for providing yummy caramel rolls for breakfast for the worship planners meeting;
- \*Sandy Empting for painting the entryway;
- \*Bill Empting and Ted Lysdal for making the wooden support platform for the Bunn coffee maker;
- \*Steve and Sherry Wynkoop for preparing volunteer gifts;
- \*Marvel Paulson for contributing blueberry pancake sauce for the youth breakfast;
- \*Rich Alickson for hanging the basketball keepers on the posts;
- \*Sherry Wynkoop for making garment bags for the high school senior gifts;
- \*Ginny Kampa for trimming flowers in the gardens;
- \*Mark Bistodeau for cutting the lawn all during the season;
- \*Karla Zerwas for hosting the Youth Garage Sale at her home, and for all members and friends helping at the sale;
- \*All members, youth and mentors who helped with cemetery cleanup;
- \*Sandy Empting for painting the exit hallways;
- \*Mark Bistodeau for tilling the garden;
- \*Shelly Bluhm for donating spring, summer and winter floral decorations;
- \*7th Grade students and mentors for helping cut up batting for the pillow project;
- \*Marvel Paulson, Carol Michaletz, Marilyn Humble, Sandy Empting, Nancy Alickson, Alberta Brown, Elaine Niesche, Jeanette Harshman, Gloria Kydd, Sarah Robertson and Ella Arneson for volunteering in the Graduate quilting Ministry;
- \*Rich and Scott Alickson, Curt Michaletz for changing light bulbs in the sanctuary;
- \*To everyone who supported the Relay for Life gift baskets, and all who helped them unload and set up for this event;
- \*All members and friends who planned and participated in the Kids Fighting Hunger event;
- \*Steve and Sherry Wynkoop for donating candy for the parade;
- \*Jenn & Halle Bluhm, Kris Mateyka, Ruth Thom, Jay Johnson, Zach Klinkenborg, Halle & Cooper Lindsey, and Karla Zerwas for decorating the parade float;
- \*Kenny Howe for the use of his trailer for the parade float;

## Thank you to all those who served this year:

- \*Jessica Johnson, Angela Spinler, Amy Lear, Cheryl Ellingson and Ruth Thom for donating time and materials for Vacation Bible School T-shirt preparation;
- \*Everyone who brought food to share for the Wednesday worship potluck, and helped to set up and take down;
- \*Cheryl Ellingson for weeding and planting the church sign flowerbed;
- \*Curt Michaletz for repairing a pew book holder;
- \*Rich Alickson, Bill Rogers, Curt Michaletz for working on the kitchen exhaust venting;
- \*Rich Alickson for painting the mailbox;
- \*Rich Alickson and Richard Harshman for cleaning up storm damage at the cemetery and for assembling the garden shed;
- \*Bill Rogers, Richard Harshman, and Rich Alickson for repairing the flagpole in the prayer garden;
- \*Randy Bader for maintaining the sprinkler system;
- \*Cheryl Ellingson, Jessica Johnson and Bert Robb for their work on the church directory;
- \*To all who gave contributions to the SSLC Relay for Life team;
- \*Bill Rogers, Rich Alickson, and Bill Empting for installing kitchen exhaust fans;
- \*Sandy Empting, Jeanette Harshman, Judy Borst, Julie Johnson, and Dee Punton for serving refreshments for the Bryan Larson funeral; and all families who donated food for the funeral;
- \*Kenny Howe, Sandy Empting, and all volunteers who helped set up and put away for the funeral;
- \*Ralph Johnson and Mark Swanson for setting up tables and chairs and decorating for welcome breakfast brunch;
- \*Curt and Julie Jarvi for helping Pastor Mike unload boxes;
- \*Julie Johnson for making centerpieces for the breakfast brunch;
- \*Mark Swanson, Rusty Lear, Joy Hurd, Sara Gallus, Sam Stone, Jessica Johnson and Kenny Howe for serving breakfast;
- \*All who shared food for the breakfast;
- \*Bill Empting for repainting the freezer lid;
- \*All families who have tended the Sunday School garden;
- \*Bill Empting for designing, making and installing the wooden literature rack in the narthex;
- \*Tami Klapak from Cupcakes Amore for the YUMMY cupcakes served after worship last week;
- \*Karla Zerwas, Judy Olson, Kris Mateyka, Amy Lear, Janelle Uecker, Allie Stone, Carey Janisch, Carey Bowles, Jessica Johnson, Faith Pozorski, Hailey Uecker, Morgan Steffens, Abby Steffens, Zach LaFontaine, Karl Olson, Kyla (Amy Lear's niece), Mariah Zerwas, Brynn Barthel, Kaitlyn Janisch, Blake Barthel, Olivia Mateyka, Hannah Klapak, Grace Klapak, Frannie Bowles, Gabby Klinkenborg, Melody Swanson, Izzy Swanson, Noele Swanson, Barb Marsh, and Helen Swanson for all their work and dedication to making this year's Vacation Bible School rock!;
- \*Rusty Lear and Steve Bachler for lending Pastor Mike and his family a truck and trailer for moving;
- \*Rich Alickson for repairing and re-mounting the stop sign;
- \*Gary and Cooper Lindsey for hanging signs for the Pig Roast; Ginny Kampa, Scott and Becky Bursch, and Kim Kampa for selling Pig Roast tickets;
- \*Walt Munsterman for doing gopher and bird control on the church grounds;
- \*Sandy Empting for re-staining the playground equipment;
- \*Tami Klapak and Cupcakes Amore for making a beautiful cake to welcome Pastor Mike and his family;
- \*All members of the Call Committee for furnishing and serving refreshments on Pastor Mike's installation Sunday;
- \*Adele and Walt Munsterman, Tammy Miller-Hess, Kim Kampa and Nikki Popplewell for donating prizes for kids games;
- \*All members and friends who helped Pastor Mike and his family move into their home;
- \*Kim Kampa, Ginny Kampa, Lisa Orton and Jessica Johnson for their hard work in planning and preparation for our annual Pig Roast Dinner event;
- \*All serving group leaders for calling each family for donations for the Pig Roast Dinner;
- \*Mark Thoma for helping install the kitchen exhaust fans;
- \*Richard Harshman for helping the rental company put up the tents for Pig Roast;
- \*Tammy Alickson and Julie Johnson for cutting quilt squares;
- \*Ted and Ginny Lysdal, and Steve and Nikki Popplewell for donating watermelon for the Pig Roast meal;
- \*Dennis Schuette and Mark Bistodeau for selling the most raffle tickets;
- \*Brickhouse Theatre for donating popcorn;
- \*Coborns of Big Lake for donating bottled pop;
- \*Don Erickson for donating pork roasts;
- \*Dennis Schuette and Randy Bader for kids activity donations;
- \*Ted & Ginny Lysdal for donating kids games prizes;
- \*Scott and Becky Bursch for narthex plastic floor covering;
- \*Lange Home for the use of their bingo game set;
- \*Sandy Empting for getting the building back in order;
- \*All members and friends who volunteered their time and effort to make this year's Pig Roast event a great success;
- \*Scott Alickson for delivering Backpack Buddies food;
- \*All mentors and students that collected food for those in need;
- \*Bill and Sandy Empting for donating and decorating the entry and sanctuary with pumpkins and corn shocks;
- \*Curt Jarvi, Avery Jarvi, Bill Empting, Joy Hurd and Marvel Paulson for packing and delivering donated food items to the Becker Food Shelf;
- \*Liberty Paper and its employees for purchasing food for and packing Backpack Buddies bags;

## Thank you to all those who served this year:

- \*Sandy Empting, Alberta Brown, Tami Klapak, Dee Holt, Doc Bateson and Marvel Paulson for serving lunch and cleaning up for Allan Klinker's funeral;
- \*Roberta Bistodeau and Becky Bursch for calling families for food donations for the funeral;
- \*All families who shared gifts of food for the funeral;
- \*Gretchen Brovold for donating baked goods and meals for families in need;
- \*Richard Harshman for working on the signs for the Craft and Bake sale,;
- \*Randy Bader for winterizing the lawn sprinkler system;
- \*Bill Empting for making four wooden lefse boards, and assembling and delivering the Bible Bucks cabinet;
- \*Tami Klapak of Cupcakes Amore for cupcakes after Confirmation services;
- \*Morgan Du'Monceaux of ME Photography for taking photographs for Confirmation students;
- \*Dee Holt for reviving and renewing the Prayer Partners group;
- \*Ted and Ginny Lysdal for donations of books for the library and quilting fabric;
- \*Lane and Lance Lysdal for donating children's toys;
- \*Walt Munsterman and Gary Lindsey for time change building maintenance;
- \*Marie Selin for her special music for worship;
- \*Karl Olson and Cade Stommes for presenting the flags at Veteran's Day worship;
- \*All friends of Lonnie and Carla Suckert for the prayers and cards in the passing of Lonnie's mother;
- \*Julie Johnson for planning and organizing another very successful Craft and Bake sale event;
- \*All members and volunteers who donated their time and items for the Craft and Bake sale;
- \*Sandy Empting for putting the building back in order;
- \*Marvel Paulson and Nancy Alickson for Mission quilt prep;
- \*Marvel Paulson, Carol Michaletz, Jeanette Harshman, Marilyn Humble, Elaine Niesche, Alberta Brown, Sandy Empting, Nancy Alickson, Ella Arneson, Gloria Kydd, and Sarah Robertson for working in the Mission Quilt Ministry;
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- \*Sarah Gallus and Marianne Lindsey for their work and dedication to making the Thanksgiving Meal Ministry happen;
- \*Cheryl Ellingson and all women who helped collect the Women's Ministry Thankoffering;
- \*Jan Donelson from Jan's Tree Farm for their donation of the Christmas tree for the sanctuary;
- \*Ted Lysdal, Marty Lysdal, Bill Empting, Carol Michaletz, Marvel Paulson, and Sandy Empting for putting up the Christmas tree in the sanctuary;
- \*Jeanette Harshman, Marvel Paulson, and Sandy Empting for decorating the Christmas tree;
- \*Rich Alickson, Ralph Johnson, Gary Lindsey, Bill Rogers, and Mark Swanson for changing furnace filters;
- \*Mike and Kari Pancoast for hosting the Women of SSLC Christmas Potluck at their home;
- \*Grace Kampa's 4H group for packing Backpack Buddies bags for December;
- \*Gary and Cooper Lindsey, Ralph Johnson, Rich Alickson, Bill Rogers and Walt Munsterman for sidewalk snow removal;
- \*7th grade confirmation students and their mentors Scott Alickson and Jerry Klapak for volunteering in the kitchen, serving communion and ushering at worship;
- \*Carey Bowles for bringing and packing apples and candy canes for the Sunday School students;
- \*Karla Zerwas, Lisa Miner, Tami Klapak, Kris Mateyka, Dan and Robyn Brown, Janelle Uecker and Jessica Johnson, and all the Sunday School students for a WONDERFUL Sunday School Program;
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- \*All who brought gifts for the Lange Home residents;
- \*All who brought gifts for the Candy Cane gift tree;
- \*Pastor Mike and Kari Pancoast for their parts in the Choir Cantata;
- \*Heidi Hansen and all choir members for a GREAT performance of Christmas Cantata;
- \*All families that supported the Relay for Life bake sale;
- \*All members and friends for their support of the Youth Christmas basket fundraiser;
- \*Dee Puntton for the Christmas planter near the church sign,
- \*All families who donated items for the Sunday School Giving tree;
- \*Richard and Jeanette Harshman, Rosalie Klinker, Bill Empting and Ted Lysdal for removing the Christmas tree and decorations;
- \*Curt Michaletz for his continuing care of building maintenance;
- \*Linda Corrigan for her many years of service as organist;

***AND FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS  
NAMED AND UN-NAMED,***

***WE APPRECIATE YOU!***

***WE COULDN'T CONTINUE OUR  
MINISTRY WITHOUT YOU!***



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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday at 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Holy Communion offered every Sunday and Wednesday

**Wednesday Youth Activities**

Youth 5th - 12th Grade at 6:30 p.m.

**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 8-3:30 p.m.

*Looking forward to a great year in 2014!  
We look forward to new opportunities  
to step out in faith, service to our  
neighbor, and a renewed mission  
for the year.*