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**South Santiago  
Lutheran Church**

**2015 Annual Report**

January 31, 2016

# 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes

January 25th, 2015

\*President Rusty Lear called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

\*66 congregation members were present.

\*Pastor Mike Pancoast led the meeting in prayer.

\*Mark Swanson made a motion, seconded by Julie Jarvi to adopt the agenda. Motion passed.

\*Cheryl Ellingson made a motion to accept the minutes from the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Seconded by Marvel Paulson, motion passed.

\*Carey Bowles presented the Treasurers Report. Sandy Empting made the motion to accept,

seconded by Richard Harshman, motion passed.

## Old Business:

\*Walt Munsterman from the Building and Grounds Committee reported that the work on the soffits was completed last year.

## New Business:

\*Pastor Mike made the motion to amend the agenda to move the video from the Synod to after the election of the council members to give them time to count ballots. Mark Swanson seconded, motion passed.

\*Election of Council Members. There was a question on the 2 and 3 year positions available. Pastor Mike made a motion to allow the council to decide who would fill the two year spot when they next convened. Seconded by Carey Bowles. Motion passed. Luke Bluhm, Dani Priebe, and Steve Popplewell expressed an interest in running for the council positions. As there were four positions available, and three nominees, Jeremy Hallquist made the motion to accept all the nominees without the need for the ballot vote. Seconded by Julie Jarvi. Motion passed.

\*Video message from Bishop Jon Anderson was shown to the congregation.

\*Todd Drayna came forward to fill the remaining council position. Jeremy Hallquist, seconded by Julie Jarvi, made a motion to accept Todd Drayna to fill the council seat. Motion passed.

\*Synod Assembly. Julie Jarvi, Curt Jarvi, Walt Munsterman, and Carey Bowles expressed interest in going to the Synod Assembly Friday June 12 through the 14<sup>th</sup> at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Three delegates are needed, so members voted by ballot for three, with the fourth as an alternative. Julie, Walt, and Carey will be our representatives with Curt serving as the alternate.

\*Presentation of Committees for 2015 was made.

\*Building and Grounds Committee presentation.

There are several items that will be needing attention soon with regards to the building maintenance. \* Stucco siding needs repairs. \* Carpeting in the Narthex. \* Weather stripping around the windows. \* Heating system pumps need to be checked – There is a liquid in the system that is getting dark and may need to be replaced. These upcoming needs are not reflected in the budget and will need to be brought before the congregation as the time comes for them to be taken care of. Walt made a request for volunteers to help with any area of expertise they may have, or simply to learn what needs to be done on a regular basis to keep the building in good repair.

\*Budget Presentation

\*This past year the budget was \$5,700 short of where it needed to be. The mortgage has been restructured to save costs. Building and Grounds has set their budget at the bare bones needed to keep things going.

\* Cheryl Ellingson asked about staff raises. It was explained that council is at a point where we could not do that. If the proposed budget is not being met, the council will most likely need to look at staff cuts to stay on track.

\* Bill Empting asked about the Worship Expense budget and actual amounts for 2014. He wondered if that was all due to extra expense for having communion each Sunday. Jeremy explained that a portion of that was for a computer that needed to be replaced.

\* A question was asked by Sandy Empting about the Kids Fighting Hunger balance. Due to a donation that fell through, there is a balance, but that will be covered by noisy offerings and will not come out of the general fund.

\* Alberta Brown pointed out a typing error under the Administration budgeted line for 2015. After double checking, it was announced that it should have read \$7840.00.

\* Walt Munsterman asked what we plan to do about increasing what we give back to the Synod. As with the staff salaries this will need to be reviewed as we see the income we receive.

\* Cheryl Ellingson wondered if, in the statistics portion of the annual report, it was true that there were no new members in this past year. Shelly said that was incorrect. A correct number was not available.

\* Marlene Olson felt our outreach is too much at times. If the noisy offerings were done less, people may put more into the general offering. Holly Klinker brought up the original reason for the noisy offering being developed. She said it was our way of giving back even when we were hurting (after the fire). Lew Olson explained that they felt we need to take care of the church first before reaching out.

\* Rusty Lear commented that the noisy offering is additional funding. He stated that 5% of the congregation gives what it takes to run the church. Individuals need to look at their own faith and budget and decide what they can do.

\* Pastor Mike talked about the fact that typically the churches that worry about folding and stop their outreach are the churches that do in fact close their doors.

\* Walt Munsterman made a motion to accept the proposed budget, seconded by Holly Klinker. Voting held, for further discussion.

\* George Kydd asked what the original Mortgage was and how much has been paid off. The original amount was approximately \$800,000. About \$200,000 has been paid off. Those present were reminded that on this type of loan initially you pay more in interest and that the number would come down quicker as we progress.

\* The vote was called for and the Budget was passed.

\*Lew Olson complimented the council on their work in putting together the budget.

\*Richard Harshman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill Empting. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joy Hurd, Council Secretary.

## Church Council - Re-organization Meeting for 2015 Council

### Election of Officers

Immediately following the Annual meeting on January 25th, 2015, the following council members met to elect their officers for 2015: Carey Bowles; Julie Jarvi; Rusty Lear; Joy Hurd; Luke Bluhm; Steve Popplewell; Dani Priebe; Mark Swanson; and Todd Drayna.

Julie Jarvi was accepted as the Council President.

Todd Drayna was accepted as the Council Vice-President.

Carey Bowles and Mark Swanson expressed an interest in running for Treasurer. A vote by ballot was done. Carey Bowles was voted as Council Treasurer.

Mark Swanson was accepted as Council Secretary.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, February 10th at 7p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Joy Hurd, 2014 Council Secretary.

## 2016 Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Opening prayer
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Review our mission & purpose/value statement  
Mission Statement: "Teaching the Word, Reaching the World "  
Purpose/Value Statement: We will pursue our mission in this way: We are a congregation whose core values seeking changed lives through the power of the Holy Spirit by forming & sustaining life-long personal faith in God through Christ Jesus. We practice this by engaging in cross-generational ministry and radical hospitality as it is revealed by God's Word, connecting with others within our congregation, our community, and the world.
5. Election of Council Members
  - a. Three 3-year positions
  - b. One 2-year position
  - c. One 1-year position
  - d. Youth position (2 years)
6. Reports
  - a. President's Report
  - b. Treasurer's Report
  - c. Secretary's Report
7. Election of Delegates to Synod Assembly (3 positions—must split male/female)
8. Consideration of Congregation Budget—narrative budget
9. Consideration of changes to SSLC Constitution
10. Other Business
11. Close meeting with the Lord's Prayer

## Council President

Some thoughts.....

The log church that sits on our grounds was built in 1888. My ancestors attended, worshiped, and shared what they were able to. It wasn't long and the congregation outgrew that building. While their goal must have been to spread the word and grow in faith, I wonder sometimes what they would think of our congregation now.



So many vibrant ministries take place here. I considered trying to list them all, but honestly, I am sure that I would unintentionally forget something important.

From internally caring for, and teaching each other, to outwardly caring for our community and the world, our church makes its presence known. More importantly, we make God's love and grace known.

Considering all those ministries, I think the founding congregation would be proud of the accomplishments we have made so far. I would venture to guess they would even be amazed.

I pray that you continue to attend, worship, and share what you are able. Help this congregation continue to grow in new and exciting ways, while respecting its past and the things it continues to do well. Perhaps someday, our descendants will wonder if we would be proud of their church home.

God's blessings,

Joy Hurd  
Congregation President

## Pastor's Report

Most of my report can be found on page 8 of the Narrative Budget you will have received as part of the materials for today's meeting.

This past summer, I was asked by the Executive Board of the Council and the Mutual Ministry Committee to present some goals for the up-coming (2016) year.

What follows, in no particular order of priority, are a couple of goals for this year, with this caveat: *These goals are not necessarily "MY" goals, as much as they are goals that I, as pastor, (a) believe would benefit the overall mission and ministry of our congregation and (b) flow out of our stated mission and values/purposes.*

Here's the deal: **these aren't goals that I can accomplish on my own.** Nor does it make much sense to me to have "personal goals" unconnected to the mission/ministry of the congregation.

With that in mind, those goals are:

**To be able to work with a fully functioning council**, aware of and integrated with the congregation's daily/weekly/monthly/overall ministry.

**Grow Our Identifiable Ministry of Faith Formation/Practice in our households**—I want to identify a specific number of households—6? 8? 12?—of all ages and all make-ups, elicit a commitment from them to try to practice as-daily-a-devotion-as-they-can-possibly muster and have those households be able to identify, by year's end, how their faith/practice has grown, what they have learned, etc.

**Fellowship**—Our congregation is divided in a couple of different ways: generationally; Wednesday worship; 8 AM Sunday worship; 10:30 Sunday worship; etc. Fellowship events could be some important ways of intentionally mixing and crossing boundaries. Two specific ways to do this that I have in mind are...  
(a) Monthly Dinner Groups; and  
(b) Quarterly All-Congregation Events.

**Bible Camp**—We are not officially listed as part of any of our Bible Camps, though we have families who, on their own, have been connected with camps beyond our ELCA umbrella. It will be beneficial to the life of our congregation and the life of the at-large Church for us grow a camp ministry. (To begin with, something like 80% of the ELCA's pastors have discerned the call to ministry through participation in the ELCA's outdoor ministry programs.)

**Nursery/Hospitality to Young Families**—See previous reports.

**Church Technology**—(a) an App (or something comparable) and (b) a Curriculum Builder

If you are able to be a part of formulating a pathway toward accomplishing any of these goals, **please speak with me after today's meeting.**

—Pastor Mike

## Pastoral Care in 2015

### Baptisms:

- \*Ellery Timm, daughter of Michael & Amanda Timm
- \*Lillian Fowler, daughter of Paul & Denise Fowler
- \*Miles Prokott, son of Greg & Michelle Prokott
- \*McKenna Harren, daughter of Josh & Kallyne Harren
- \*Landon Weisbrich, son of Chris & Laura Weisbrich
- \*Evelynn Cameron-Olson, daughter of Andrew Olson & Beth Cameron

### Funerals:

- \*Larry Cox
- \*Dean Erickson
- \*Bonnie Fessenden
- \*Oliver Christopherson



Home, Hospital, and other Visits: **76**

### Pathfinder families in Process:

Pre-Marriage: 3

Pre-Membership: 12

### New Members

- \*Scott, Rochelle, Bridger and Paxton Ament
- \*Ken & Ella Arneson
- \*Jason, Robin, Carter and Alexandra Garding
- \*Tom, Abby, Devon, Logan and Lauren Hanzlik
- \*Danny & Brenda Jergenson
- \*Jim Kocherer, Bridgette Robinet, Madeline and Ethan Kocherer
- \*Brian, Erin, Hallie and Avery Kujawa
- \*Shane and Sammie Mekeland
- \*Angela Spinler
- \*Greg, Michelle, Stella, Lincoln and Miles Prokott

## Youth & Family Ministry

*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,<sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”*

*~ Ephesians 3:20-21*

Every year, as I prepare my annual report, I spend time in reflection on the wonderful things God has done, the rough edges and places where I need to grow as a leader, and the faithful ways that God has called you, God’s church, into the mission and ministry for the world. Each time I reflect on these things I am reminded about God’s extravagance for those that simply live together in faith and community.

- God has moved this year in serving 210 meals per week, while maintaining a well funded Backpack Buddies Program. A backpack program that recruits countless volunteers and community members, around the common goal of feeding the hungry.
- Sending out one of the largest mission trip groups SSLC has ever sent to the Osage Nation in Oklahoma.
- Senior High students engaging the local community through Random Acts of Kindness.
- Volunteers running Hearts and Hands ministry to meet local needs.
- The largest local food shelf drive we have ever done.
- Thanksgiving Meal serving over 100 people.
- Christmas Give Tree providing gifts and supplies for needy families.

These are just a few of the ways God has moved this year. Did you notice a trend? God used you... to send, call, and provide for this community of faith. Your gifts, your abilities are being called into action this year.

At the start of each year, I pick a verse to pray. This year my verse is Ephesians 3:20-21. God, “who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” God... able... immeasurably... ALL...ask....imagine. How powerful to know that God works within us to make a difference in this world. Your gifts are important, they are valuable, and they are real. I am thankful for all the ways in which you partner with our youth ministry to make a difference. We wouldn’t be here without your support.

Respectfully,  
Jeremy Hallquist  
Director of Youth and Family Ministries

## Board of Education Report

Here are the highlights from 2015:

- We sang 4 times during our worship services.
- We have approximately 65 children registered for Sunday School.
- Children Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade received Bibles in the fall.
- Our Bible Buck program is helping children focus on learning bible verses, doing devotions at home and learning more about what happens in church.
- We held 2 Parents Night out events (February & December), the kids had fun doing a variety of activities along with eating pizza.
- Our garden was a huge success as we were able to donate all of the produce to the Becker Food Shelf. Thanks to all who helped out each week with weeding and watering.
- We had a float in the Becker Freedom Days parade.
- VBS was a huge success as we hit our all-time high in attendance. We had over 60 kids register. All of our VBS curriculum was donated by a SSLC family. We had awesome youth & parents who volunteered their time to help run station and lead groups.
- The Sunday School teachers are on their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of teaching the curriculum that correlates to Pastor Mike's sermons. I am so thankful for all the teachers that are passionate about teaching children about God and sharing their love one another.
- We continue to support Ken Jerrick Toledo, our sponsor child from the Philippines.
- We combined the Fall Festival with the annual Pig Roast and put on the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Oktoberfest. Children had the chance to decorate pumpkins, play a variety of games, get wacky hair and face painted, and play in a jump house.
- Advent Craft Day had 8 stations one Sunday as the kids were able to make a variety of crafts for the Christmas season. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with that!!
- Our annual Christmas program was another hit as we worked together with the Choir Cantata. The children learned some difficult (non- traditional) songs and many learned lines to tell different parts of Christmas. Thanks to all the teachers and helpers who put this show on!!

Another year has come and gone and I am more excited to see what is in store for the coming year. Our church is blessed to have 6 members on the Education board and 6 awesome teachers along with 7 amazing youth helpers, I thank God for placing them here with us as we are instilling God into our children of the church.

Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

God's Blessings,

Karla Zerwas, Sunday School Superintendent



## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Petty Cash	\$300	\$300
Checking-Frandsen Bank	\$21,637	\$38,197
Money Market –Frandsen Bank	\$5,991	\$11,999
Mission Investment Money Market	\$150	\$2,955
Buildings & Grounds	\$1,646,643	\$1,646,643
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,674,721</b>	<b>\$1,700,094</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
Mission Investment Fund Mortgage	\$670,836	\$657,101
Accrued Expense	\$2,164	-\$354
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$673,000</b>	<b>\$656,747</b>
General Fund	-\$2,923	\$39,868
Building Fund	-\$21,567	\$3,029
Local Benevolence Fund	\$3,412	\$2,044
Memorial Fund	\$5,630	0
Mission Fund	\$426	0
Choir and Music Fund	\$1,182	0
Men's Ministry Fund	\$3,808	0
Savings Building	\$6,467	0
Marriage Ministry Fund	\$801	0
Net Fixed Assets	\$990,174	\$989,543
Jr & Sr High Youth Fund	\$9,256	\$5,975
Mission Scholarship Fund	\$3,065	\$2,460
BackPack Buddies Fund	\$1,988	\$428
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$1,001,721</b>	<b>\$1,043,348</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$1,674,721</b>	<b>\$1,700,094</b>

## 2016 Proposed Budget

	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
General Fund Income	\$215,000	\$239,256	\$215,000
Building Fund Income	\$50,000	\$54,094	\$73,000
Other Fund Income	\$2,603	\$3,792	\$2,703
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$267,603</b>	<b>\$297,141</b>	<b>\$290,703</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Total Pastor Expense	\$89,838	\$97,221	\$98,941
Total Salary	\$68,790	\$63,255	\$76,097
Total Payroll Taxes	\$6,160	\$5,829	\$6,602
Total Lay Expense	\$0	\$704	\$1,250
Total Music Expense	\$5,998	\$4,970	\$6,158
Total Utility Expense	\$9,980	\$9,192	\$10,010
Total Building Maintenance	\$9,800	\$9,057	\$26,070
Total Administration	\$8,174	\$10,247	\$9,774
Total Youth Expense	\$4,230	\$5,609	\$5,130
Total Adult Education	\$200	\$228	\$200
Total Worship Expense	\$4,000	\$7,124	\$5,000
Total Outreach Expense	\$9,300	\$11,602	\$10,300
Total Loan Expense	\$51,000	\$48,160	\$51,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$267,470</b>	<b>\$273,198</b>	<b>\$306,532</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$133</b>	<b>\$23,943</b>	<b>-\$15,829</b>

## SSLC Statistical Information

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Young Adults Confirmed	14	14	19	15	22	13
Baptized	16	16	17	5	16	6
First Communion	11	19	15	33	22	20
Member Funerals	0	4	6	1	4	2
Graduates	22	24	15	17	18	17
New Members Received	34	41	13	30	0	33
Transfers Out	15	0	14	11	17	12
First (Children's) Bibles	20	15	17	13	30	29
Member Weddings	1	2	2	0	0	6

## Women of the ELCA 2015

<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>01/01/2015</b>	<b>\$2,072.90</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Cookbook sales	\$35.00	
Memorials	\$250.00	
Pig Roast Cake Walk and Bake Sale	\$490.50	
Craft and Bake Sale	\$1651.25	
Fall Thankoffering	\$1344.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,770.75</b>	
<b>Available Funds</b>		<b>\$5,843.65</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Sunshine Committee Cards	\$53.91	
Quilting Supplies	\$1,482.76	
Synod Convention Offering	\$200.00	
Convention Registration	\$140.55	
Postage	\$19.60	
Kitchen Supplies	\$115.06	
Craft Fair expenses	\$199.79	
Coffee pots for kitchen	\$296.35	
Staff Christmas gifts	\$250.00	
Check printing	\$28.75	
Bank fee	\$12.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,798.77</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$3,044.88</b>

## Altar Guild 2015

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>01/01/2015</b>	<b>\$422.59</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Soup Suppers	\$466.55	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$889.14</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Check printing	\$25.75	
Communion Supplies	\$38.04	
Flowers for altar	\$64.03	
Gift Card	\$50.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$177.82</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$711.32</b>

## Noisy Offerings for 2015

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 2015. Thank you for your generosity.

<b>January</b>	Cross Center in Foley	\$186.67
<b>February</b>	Kids Fighting Hunger	\$154.66
<b>March</b>	Kids Fighting Hunger	\$168.83
<b>April</b>	Kids Fighting Hunger	\$155.39
<b>May</b>	ELCA Disaster Response-Nepal Earthquakes	\$107.10
<b>June</b>	ELCA Disaster Response-Texas Flooding	155.69
<b>July</b>	SSLC Youth Mission Trip	\$126.07
<b>July</b>	Cross Center in Foley	\$162.07
<b>August</b>	Operation Kid to Kid	Combined with Sept
<b>September</b>	Operation Kid to Kid	\$401.40
<b>October</b>	Dylan's Hope Foundation	\$234.12
<b>November</b>	Eagle's Healing Nest	\$222.68
<b>December</b>	Place of Hope	\$80.04

## Cemetery Board 2015

<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>01/01/2015</b>	<b>\$1,344.66</b>
<b>Deposits</b>			
	Interest	\$30.85	
	Cemetery lots	\$1,500.00	
	Donations	\$325.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,859.39</b>	<b>\$3,204.05</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Youth Mission Trip	\$500.00	
	Gift Certificate	\$100.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>\$2,604.05</b>

## Committees/Groups for 2016

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.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joy Hurd  
Kelly Bergman  
Mark Swanson  
Carey Bowles  
Todd Drayna  
Luke Bluhm  
Dani Priebe  
Melody Swanson  
Frannie Bowles

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Karla Zerwas  
Kris Mateyka  
Ruth Thom  
Dawn Drayna  
Denise Fowler  
Amity Felton  
Deb Rauch

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

### YOUTH BOARD

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

### CEMETERY BOARD

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

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

Walt Munsterman  
Gary Lindsey  
Rich Alickson  
Ralph Johnson  
Bill Rogers  
Luke Bluhm  
Shane Mekeland

### MONEY COUNTERS

Nancy Alickson  
Barb Marsh  
Mark Swanson  
Lavonne Gilyard,  
Rosalie Klinker  
Melanie Niday  
Tammy Miller-Hess  
Ralph Johnson  
Dee Holt

### MUTUAL MINISTRY

Walt Munsterman  
Tammy Miller-Hess  
Luke Bluhm  
Tammy Alickson  
Scott Bursch

### HEAD USHERS

Mike Peabody  
Dani Priebe  
Scott Alickson  
Ryan Johnson  
Kevin Kampa  
Richard Harshman  
Rich Alickson  
Bert Robb  
Mark Swanson

### SHARING MEALS MINISTRY

Robert Bistodeau  
Dee Punton

### SW MN SYNOD CONFERENCE

\*\*Delegates Needed

### LIBRARIAN

Rosalie Klinker

### BEFRIENDERS MINISTRY

Marlene Olson

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

\*\*Needed

### STEWARDSHIP 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

### WOMEN OF SSLC

Cheryl Ellingson

Nancy Alickson

Jeanette Harshman

Robert Bistodeau

Tammy Alickson

Barb Marsh

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

- \*Dennis & Lucille Schuette for donating communion wine;
- \*Ralph Johnson, Bill Rogers, Mark Bistodeau, Rich Alickson, Richard Harshman, Jeff Bluhm and Buster Graning for snow removal;
- \*Mike and Dee Punton for fresh Christmas greenery;
- \*Tim Gallus for sound system repairs;
- \*PCA Company from Golden Valley for donating 2 turkeys for families in need;
- \*All who donated turkey cards and receipts for C.R.O.S.S. Center (we filled five cards!);
- \*All who attended the Thanksgiving Community worship service (the offering was \$1,200 for local families in need);
- \*Wendy and Lauren Reisem, Angela Spinler, Dawn Drayna, Donna Pozorski, Luann Berthiaume, Brandon, Julie and Adeline Kent, Janelle, Hailey, Hannah and Katelyn Uecker, Melanie Mielke, Jessica Johnson, Gabby Klinkenborg, Cheri Hendricks, Amity Felton, Anna Pancoast for Advent Craft fair station guidance;
- \*Jeremy and Ellie Hallquist for special music at worship;
- \*Ella Arneson for delivering pillows to the St. Cloud Veterans Hospital, and the Salvation Army;
- \*Dee, Mike, and Abby Punton for coordinating the Christmas party for the Lange Home residents;
- \*Luke and Jenn Bluhm family, Andy and Amanda Rick family, Kevin and Kim Kampa family, Pastor Mike and Kari Pancoast family, and Sam and Allie Stone family, Angela Spinler and Sammie Mekeland for leading the Advent Candle lighting part in worship;
- \*Carol Michaletz for making baptismal head cloths;
- \*Barry Brown and Shane Mekeland for making Baptism Faith Chests;
- \*Nita Lerdahl, Debbie Goenner, and Patty Simmons for making pillows for the St. Cloud Veterans Hospital;
- \*Heidi Hansen and all choir members for their Christmas Cantata;
- \*Rich Alickson for maintenance on the street sign;
- \*Jessica Johnson and her group of seventh grade girls for making fleece blankets to go with the Giving Tree gifts;
- \*Youth and mentors for making communion bread;
- \*All families who donated gifts for the Giving Tree;
- \*Sara Gallus for coordinating and delivering gifts for the Giving Tree event;
- \*Bill Rogers, Rich Alickson, and Walt Munsterman for snow removal and furnace maintenance;
- \*Ted and Ginny Lysdal, Tony Lysdal, Shelly Bluhm, and Walt and Adele Munsterman for donating Christmas trees ;
- \*Marvel Paulson, Kevin and Kim Kampa, Rich and Nancy Alickson for donating tree stands;
- \*Jane du' Monceaux for donating beverage cups;
- \*Angela Spinler and Sammie Mekeland for delivering food to the Becker Food shelf;
- \*Family that donated a new portable microphone system;
- \*Cheri Hendricks for leading our booth at the Becker Expo;
- \*All volunteers at our booth at the Expo;
- \*Bill Empting for delivering storage cabinets for Backpack Buddies food bags;
- \*Rich and Scott Alickson for delivering all our supplies for our Expo booth to Becker High School;
- \*Adele Munsterman for quilting books;
- \*Bill Empting for designing and building a computer pedestal for the projection booth;
- \*Sam Stone and Kim Kampa for their past service on church council;
- \*Carol Michaletz, Marvel Paulson, Jeanette Harshman, Carol Kaas, Nancy Alickson for newsletter mailing preparation;
- \*Bill Empting for customizing work in the projection booth;
- \*Jeremy for all his "remodeling" in the projection booth;
- \*Shane Mekeland and Steve Popplewell for designing and building a faith chest prototype;
- \*The mystery sidewalk snow shovelers;
- \*Carol Michaletz and Marvel Paulson for setting up table decorations for Ash Wednesday soup supper;

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

- \*Shane Mekeland and Steve Popplewell for hanging the military service bulletin boards;
- \*Nikki Popplewell for assembling the military service bulletin boards;
- \*Altar Guild members for serving soup supper;
- \*All who helped with Ash Wednesday worship service;
- \*Shane Mekeland for building shelves in the library;
- \*Bill Empting for designing, building, and installing the flag display near the military boards, and hanging a new mirror in the library;
- \*All youth students for serving at Lenten worship;
- \*Relay for Life team members for serving soup supper;
- \*Walt Munsterman for cleaning the building gutters;
- \*Richard Harshman, Rich and Scott Alickson for plumbing and building maintenance;
- \*Choir group for serving soup supper;
- \*Bill Empting for designing and building a cedar cross for communion and acolyte crosses (BEAUTIFUL!);
- \*Sunday School students for helping serve soup supper;
- \*Building and Grounds members for wildflower planting spring maintenance;
- \*The anonymous family who made a donation through United Way of the Twin Cities;
- \*To all who shared their Faith Stories during Lent;
- \*Andy and Amanda Rick for donating an Ipad for our "Square" electronic giving option;
- \*All families who donated coats and jackets for our Palm Sunday coat drive;
- \*All who assisted with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services;
- \*Nancy Alickson for helping pack coat donations;
- \*Lew and Marlene Olson, and Altar Guild for sharing flowers for Easter worship;
- \*Laura Niday for hosting the children's Easter Egg Hunt;
- \*All families who donated food and helped with Easter Breakfast;
- \*Sandy Empting, Nita Lerdahl, Nancy Alickson, Alberta Brown and Marvel Paulson for hanging Graduate quilts;
- \*All families who donated ham cards and receipts ( We filled 7 cards!);
- \*Marvel Paulson for delivering coat donations to the C.R.O.S.S. Center;
- \*For all who supported the Easter breakfast with their offerings for Faith Chest supplies;
- \*Julie Johnson for donating yarn and making prayer shawls;
- \*Judy Olson for the sign for the nursery;
- \*Bill Empting for making acolyte cross lanyards;
- \*Morgan Steffens for making fleece blankets for families in need;
- \*All grade 5-12 youth for their "Random Acts of Kindness" last Wednesday;
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- \*Bill Empting for installing hand railing;
- \*Dennis Schuette for delivering the aluminum cans for recycling ( \$92 ! );
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- \*Karla Zerwas for hosting the Garage Sale at her home;
- \*Walt and Adele Munsterman for copier paper;
- \*Glen and Carol Kaas for nursery puzzles, and library books;
- \*Randy Bader for plumbing repairs;
- \*A family that donated two picnic tables for the outdoor worship area;
- \*Sam Stone for tilling the children's garden;
- \*Ruth and Brad Thom for donating a tree in memory of her mother, Beverly Hanson;
- \*Mark Bistodeau for weed control and fertilizing the lawn,
- \*Randy Bader for sprinkler system repairs;
- \*Mystery lawn mowers for lawn care;
- \*All families for tending the kids garden;

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

- \*To our quilting group who lovingly give their time to make these gifts for our graduates: Nancy Alickson, Ella Arneson, Shelly Bluhm, Alberta Brown, Sandy Empting, Bonnie Fish, Debbie Goenner, Jeanette Harshman, Marilyn Humble, Holly Klinker, Nita Lerdahl, Marianne Lindsey, Carol Michaletz, Marvel Paulson, Patty Simmons;
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- \*Dee and Mike Punton for donating and planting the entry flowerpots;
- \*Bill Empting for the wooden pew information holders;
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- \*Scott and Rich Alickson for light bulb changing and hanging the VBS sign;
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- \*Sandy Cox for donating prayer shawl yarn;
- \*Shane Mekeland for assembling our new gas grill;
- \*The Mielke family for donating the candy tree;
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- \*All families who donated snacks for VBS;
- \*All adults and youth who helped with VBS;
- \*All families who donated school supplies;
- \*Walt Munsterman for gopher control;
- \*Jan Ulsby for making and donating a prayer shawl;
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- \*Walt Munsterman, Ralph Johnson and Bill Rogers for grounds maintenance;
- \*Jeanette Harshman for cleaning the acolyte robes;
- \*Alberta Brown for making and donating a prayer shawl;
- \*Julie Johnson for making and donating 2 prayer shawls;
- \*Shane Mekeland for building maintenance;
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- \*Tim Mielke for tilling the kids garden;
- \*Lester and Pat Krei for lawn edging work;
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- \*Richard Harshman for tuning up the snow blower;
- \*All families that donated items for the Youth Scavenger Hunt;
- \*LeeAnn Alickson and Berta Bistodeau for cutting confirmation stoles;
- \*Tammy Alickson and Berta Bistodeau for cutting quilt squares;
- \*Patty Simmons and Debbie Goenner for cutting pillow stuffing;
- \*Randy Bader for winterizing the sprinkler system;
- \*Rich and Scott Alickson for building maintenance, and hanging art canvases;
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- \*Lester Krei and the senior high students for organizing the food for the Backpack packing event;



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- \*All members of the Oktoberfest planning group;
- \*All families that donated items for Oktoberfest;
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- \*Bill Empting for building and installing a rack for parament storage;
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***AND FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS  
NAMED AND UN-NAMED,***

***WE APPRECIATE YOU!***

***WE COULDN'T CONTINUE OUR  
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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 am-3 p.m.

*Looking forward to a great year in 2016!  
We look forward to new opportunities  
to step out in faith, service to our  
neighbor, and a renewed mission  
for the year.*