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HOLY TRINITY
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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR FREESE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This summer has busy with many opportunities for congregation members to engage and reflect as Pastor Doane is on clergy renewal. We started in May/June with looking at forgiveness and reconciliation, then we moved onto sharing our faith stories. The next phase of congregational renewal, *God Space: Where Spiritual Conversations Happen Naturally* by Doug Pollock will begin in the fall. *God Space* is about creating opportunities to have authentic, spiritual conversations, which is a continuation of learning how to share our faith stories where the focus becomes opening ways to really listen and respond to people without shutting them down before the discussion has even begun.

Doug Pollock asks a question that has been asked of congregations for at least the 12 years that I have been ordained; if your congregation closed tomorrow, would the community even notice. If Holy Trinity Lutheran Church closed its doors, would anyone outside the congregation really notice? The square dancers who come on Monday evenings would notice as they would have to find another meeting place, but would our direct neighbors notice?

Much of what Pollock shares stems from his experiences in having spiritual conversations throughout his years of ministry. He states, "If you're looking for a formula, a method, or the latest evangelistic road map, you won't find it here ... If you want to stay spiritually relevant, then you must focus on that which is eternal. God's timeless truths never change" (9). Pollock invites us to use his book more like a GPS. He breaks the conversation up into 11

chapters. He begins with creating God Space then moves to being aware of Spiritual Conversation-Killers (an unbelieving heart, pre-conversation history, awkward transitions, our language and not theirs, disrespect, agendas, control, judgment, combativeness, and "it's all about me"). From there he moves to **noticing** your way into spiritual conversations, **servicing** your way into spiritual conversations, **listening** your way into spiritual conversations, and **wondering** your way into spiritual conversations. Do you notice a theme? One can be much more attentive when one has practiced stopping the conversation killers and begins to see other ways of moving forward by being attentive,

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noticing, serving, listening and wondering. Chapter seven balances listening and wondering to move onto spiritual appetizers (2-minute personal stories “intended to stimulate spiritual thirst, keep the dialogue going, and demonstrate the relevance of Christ in our daily lives” (81). Once the appetizer has been given, then comes the entrée, bringing the Bible into your conversations. Not surprisingly, Pollock brings up forgiveness and reconciliation into the Bible chapter and strengthens it in reclaiming missed opportunities and rebuilding burned bridges. If I were to name this chapter, I would call it learning from my failures to keep trying and succeeding in learning from past mistakes that I and others have made. Finally, Pollock takes us to where the rubber meets the road. This chapter is cumulative and provides ways to enact what you have learned truly taking your spiritual conversation to where the rubber meets the road.

This time of congregational renewal has also been a time of hearing different preaching voices. Some are similar to what you are used to, and others might have seemed too different or too much. Part of my plan in preaching has been to utilize much of what I have heard people say that they wanted or that they thought they wanted to experience. The truth is that no preacher can ever preach the way that every congregation member wants. Pastors are called to preach the Word of God, which can at times be a very heavy task, especially when what the Word of God conflicts with what the world/culture around us tells us to do. When the two are in polar opposition, the pastor is called to side with Jesus and what Jesus has taught.

Pastors are not called to preach only sermons that make congregants feel good, pastors are called to preach what is difficult keeping Jesus as the focus. This may cause people to be uncomfortable. To apply Finley Peter Dunne’s quote about newspapers to the religion (Martin Marty in 1987) to pastors and sermons that they are to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted. Thus when I hear people say that if they don’t like x, y, and z that they will leave and not come back, I feel so sorry for the whole church when that happens because often times it is a case of the comfortable not being ok with being challenged. I encourage open discussion with the pastor/s about sermons,

community church life, and worship life as then there is an open discussion that does not turn into a triangle. The pastors I know would welcome the discussion as a way of seeing where people are and how we can work together even in our differences. Jesus was about building the community up, bringing those that were marginalized into the center of community. We are to be the church together, whether we agree politically, socially, theologically, and/or culturally. The whole church benefits when we treat each other as sisters and brothers in Christ and respect each other enough to talk to each other.

As the world around us is changing, God’s truth does not change (Pollock often points this out). How we share that truth with the world changes and adapts to the language and experiences of the times. The church is called to be the Body of Christ sharing God’s love for the world and sharing God’s grace and mercy in the world. We are called to a unity that is stronger in its diversity as the Body of Christ.

My prayer for each of us at Holy Trinity is that we will engage in the opportunities to learn more about the Bible, to attend adult and youth classes where we are challenged to grow in our personal and communal understanding of God (theology), the Church, and the world, and to strive to live together as brothers and sisters in Christ to create God Space and spiritual conversations in our Monday through Saturday lives.

Your Sister in Christ,
The Rev. Dr. Gretchen M. Freese

God Space: Where Spiritual Conversation Happens Naturally

— Facilitators, Don Lambert and Al Davis
— Offered in September as part of Fall 2019 Adult Christian Education program.

Doug Pollock has a heart for Christ-followers who long to see the quality and quantity of their spiritual conversations increase in practical, doable, and authentic ways. Learn to *Notice, Serve, Listen, Wonder, and Tell God’s Story.*

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School Kids Program

We had another successful Vacation Bible School. Children learned the meaning of neighbor. We talked about ways we help others. Kids enjoyed games, snacks, Bible stories, crafts, and songs. Thanks to all of our volunteers.



HTLC was busy the evenings of July 15—17 with activities for learners of all ages. In the picture above left, is Jennifer Shook speaking to Marilyn Weber (and others) about Lafayette Transitional Housing. At another evening session, speakers from the YWCA's Domestic Violence Shelter presented. Pictured above on the right are Leah Giorgini and Kelly Hampton. See more about the adult VBS series on page 10.

JULY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Tom Cavanaugh

Devotions: Led by Tom Cavanaugh

A Motion was made to approve the July 8, 2019 meeting agenda by Nita Cunningham, seconded by Al Davis, and approved



Attendance: Tom Cavanaugh, Al Davis, Bob Montgomery, Nita Cunningham, Carolyn Claussen, Floyd Garrott, Dave Krueger

Absent: Pastor Doane (Sabbatical), Kevin Letcher (excused), Sue Phebus, Peg Wright

Quorum was established

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the June 2019 Council meeting by Bob Montgomery, seconded by Floyd Garrott, and approved

REPORTS

Pastor's Report: No report submitted. (Sabbatical)

Treasurer/Financial Secretary Report

Summary: Month Six of the Calendar Year 2019 - Target Percent is 50.00%

INCOME: \$24,997

Current Envelopes:

Income for the month \$24,849 which is \$266 above monthly need of \$24,583

Total Income YTD: Income is 1.33% above projection

EXPENSE: Contained overall with several accounts exceeding budgets

NET INCOME:

June 2019: Gain \$4,499

Year-to-Date: Gain \$5,323

CURRENT ASSETS

Total Balance: \$297,162

COMMENTS: Childcare is understated. Actual expense YTD \$841.12 Correction will be reflected next month.

Programs are greatly underutilized year-to-date.

Audit team review performed 6/29/2019. Report pending.

Quarterly Contribution Statements mailed first week of July.

Vanco average \$4000. Fees range from \$75-\$100. No clear trends to report.

Finance team meeting are Tuesdays, the week after Council. Meets.

Albert Davis, Treasurer

The council approved the report.

Old Business: none

New Business

Review of terms of service and eligibility of HTLC Council members

Committee Reports:

Worship – No report submitted. Plans are complete, including worship and music for Christmas in July.

Outreach – Report submitted. Plans for Christmas in July are finalized. Received Thrivent grant \$250 to support project.

Back to School BBQ & Blessing July 31st at Bethany Presbyterian Church at 5:30-7pm

5th Sunday Collections : September 29th collecting gently used or new bras for Free the Girls

December 31st collecting socks for LTHC homeless.

Reviewed LUM volunteer dates for Overnight Shelter dinners and how to sign up.

Evangelism –Phone meeting. The feedback from the Community Fair was discussed.

Plans for the September seminar with Dr. Bien from IU Health about healthcare in America are complete.

Technology –No meeting. The television is

JULY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

installed in the narthex. The Council discussed the technology and expertise needed to record weekly sermons and make them available online.

Property – No report submitted. Committee members met July 7 to discuss completion of maintenance and property improvement tasks.

Mutual Ministry - Report submitted.

Congregational Study Opportunities

- Forgiveness and Reconciliation – Completed: 30 in attendance!
- Faith Story (June – July)
- God Space (Fall 2019)
- Personal Call (Fall 2019)
- Paradigms for Mission Evaluation (Spring 2020)

The committee found Staff input very useful and will plan time for this in future meetings.

The grid report of congregation visits designed by Pastor Jim Lichtenberger was discussed.

Discussion and acclimation of Council-

The Council wishes to ask those who receive a pastoral visit if information can be shared with the congregation and included in the prayers of their church family.

The Council discussed adding those listed on the weekly prayer list to the Prayers for the People during the service.

Al Davis will look into how position statements are communicated among the ELCA, Synods, and individual churches.

Christian Education – Plans are being finalized for VBS.

Youth - No report submitted.

Stewardship – No report submitted.

Next meeting: Monday, Aug 12, 2019
at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Carolyn Claussen

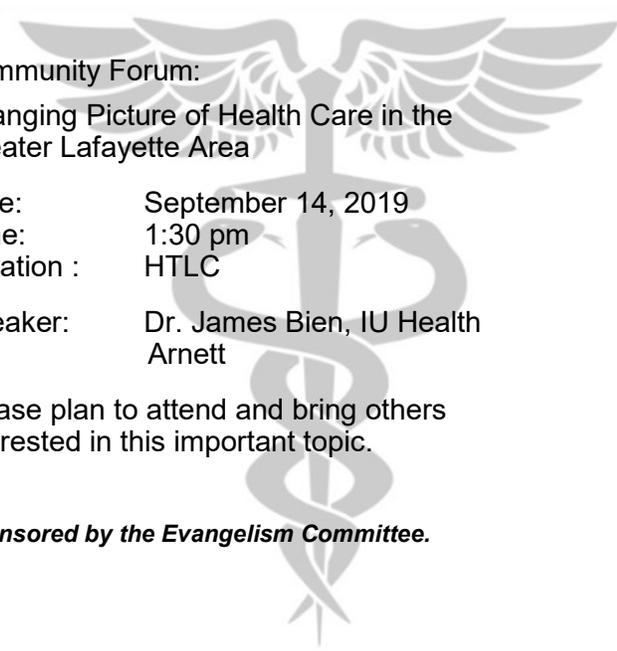
Prayer in Old Age

After praying this during our July 28th service, several members asked for it to be included in the Open Door. Although it seems quite contemporary, it was attributed to a Seventeenth Century nun.

Lord, you know better than I know myself that I am getting older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but you know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind from the recital of endless details – give me wings to come to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint – some of them are so hard to live with – but a sour old woman is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me the grace to tell them so. AMEN



Community Forum:

Changing Picture of Health Care in the Greater Lafayette Area

Date: September 14, 2019

Time: 1:30 pm

Location : HTLC

Speaker: Dr. James Bien, IU Health Arnett

Please plan to attend and bring others interested in this important topic.

Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee.

Jim Bien is the Chief Medical Officer and VP of Quality and Patient Safety at IU Health Arnett. He has responsibilities to support safe effective care throughout this region of IU Health.

Jim received his undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering at Marquette University and his medical degree at Northwestern University. He trained in pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

After working for 7 years in community health centers, he joined the Arnett Clinic. Dr Bien began taking on various leadership roles within Arnett, subsequently IU Health Arnett.

Jim's wife of 32 years, Cadi (Katie), is an educator, having just completed her Masters in Political Science at Purdue. Cadi has served for 14 years as a CASA, and they both serve on various community boards.

You Are Invited to a Special Event

Wayne Russell and Michele Graves would like their church family to join them as they exchange wedding vows on September 7, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Please enjoy light refreshments after the ceremony and take a minute to congratulate the happy couple.

Here are a few hints from Wayne and Michele help you plan for the simple celebration:

- *No gifts, but cards would be appreciated*
- *Church apparel is fine for this morning ceremony*
- *You can plan to be home in time to enjoy the Purdue - Vanderbilt game*
- *Please mark your calendar now—no paper invitations will be mailed to remind you*



Who is My Neighbor? - Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly 2019

We felt blessed and honored to represent Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at the 2019 Indiana-Kentucky Assembly which was conducted at the Purdue Student Union May 31- June 2. The theme selected for this meeting was, "Who Is my Neighbor?" This theme was the common thread which connected the broad spectrum of topics discussed during the general sessions and workshops. The workshops we attended included the "Worship Affinity Group", "Connect", "Love Thy Neighbor!", and "One Body, Many Members: a Journey for Christians Across Race, Class & Culture." The opinions, thoughts and emotions shared during these workshops made us proud that Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a leader in several areas.

We shared that HTLC had conducted interfaith discussions with our Jewish and Muslim neighbors consistent with the synod's theme. We also provided an overview of our Community Fair, Speakers series and multiple other outreach efforts spearheaded by the congregation and Council to invite our neighbors into the community of faith. Four members of our choir plus Carol Letcher volunteered to sing at the opening worship service.

This experience has provided additional "fuel" for our faith walk and lifts up Psalm 133:1, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"



Carol Letcher, Kevin Letcher and Al Davis represented Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at the 2019 Synod Assembly.

Editor's Note:

◆ ◆ ◆ This article was submitted in May. It was inadvertently omitted from the June Open Door.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY THANK YOU!

Contributions toward 2019 Jubilee Christmas to be hosted by HTLC totaled a little more than \$1,770. A Thrivent grant offset the cost of ice cream and other expenses.

Many thanks to the Outreach Committee, the Worship Committee, Cookie Bakers, Sue Lambert and the Niezabitowskis.



AUGUST

- 5 Women of the ELCA at Gloria Dei
- 15 Book Club
- 17 Welcome Back Picnic - Prophetstown Park
- 21 Trinitarians
- 25 Open Door articles due
- 25 Pastor Doane returns to the pulpit

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Russell - Graves Wedding
- 8 Rally Day
- 14 Speaker - Dr. Bien on Changing Health Care in Greater Lafayette
- 15 New Sunday School Classes Begin
- 18 Trinitarians
- 19 Book Club
- 22 Hunger Hike 2019
- 25 Open Door articles due
- 28 5th Sunday: Free the Girls

OCTOBER

- 16 Trinitarians
- 17 Book Club
- 25 Open Door articles due

*Please see details in other **Open Door** stories or watch for news in the **Epistle***

LET'S CELEBRATE

Happy August Wedding Anniversary

- 1 Urian & Allison Sabec
- 8 Ross & Shannon Tolen
- 10 Kurt & Jane Tolen
- 15 Kevin & Carol Letcher
- 18 David & Cindy Doane, Terry & Joann King
- 20 Kenneth & June Rude, Sam & Rita Biederstedt
- 23 Al & Sue Davis
- 29 Gordon & Elaine Rains

Happy August Birthday

- 1 Stan Harlow
- 3 Beth Sherry, Urian Sabec
- 4 Dona James
- 5 Peggy Favorite
- 8 Jim Richardson
- 9 Jim Smith
- 10 Vickie Tetzloff, Garret Benner
- 11 Louise Baugher
- 12 Collin Wallace
- 14 Patrick Whiteaker, Pat James
- 19 Dan Lokke, Riley Lee
- 20 Justin Crowe
- 22 Patricia Garrott, Walt Niezabitowski, Nita Cunningham
- 23 Patti Smith, Peg Wright
- 26 Deb Pohlenz
- 27 Janell Uerkwitz
- 29 Dixie Pederson
- 31 Paul Weflen

We're looking for someone special to send greetings to congregation members who need encouragement through illness or some cheer as they celebrate a birthday.

Cards, stamps, addresses and lists of folks who would benefit from a greeting would be supplied. If you would like help with this, please contact Sue Lambert at 765.447.4205.

Even if you find it difficult to get to church, we can visit you with the supplies needed. Give Sue a call!

HTLC Readers Group

This is no ordinary book club! We couldn't decide on any book to read together so we meet once a month to tell about a book we've read. Everybody picks their own genre and title then gives a brief overview of the story.

This summer we've heard about Only Angels Can Wing It, To Kill A Mockingbird, The Alice Network, Richard Owen, A Bear A Backpack and 8 Crates Of Vodka, Gentleman Revolutionary, and The Coincidence Of Coconut Cake.

Do you have a favorite genre, author, title? Come tell us about it! Or come to listen about books you may have never heard of!

We meet the third Thursday of every month in the lounge. Come now and again or each time. We're a friendly bunch of people who love to read and talk.



The 5th Sunday Outreach

The Outreach Team will be collecting bras and bucks for Free The Girls in September.

Free The Girls is an international nonprofit organization based in Chesterton Indiana that helps women become entrepreneurs by selling bras in their village marketplaces.

This frees the women from poverty, human trafficking and enables them to be productive, powerful providers for their families and communities.

We will be collecting bras and bucks in September; the drive will conclude on the 5th Sunday, September 29. A bin will be provided to collect new and gently used bras. Checks may be made payable to "Free The Girls."

Our goal is to collect 100 bras and 200 bucks!

THERE IS ALWAYS "ROOM AT THE TABLE"



Holy Trinity Church Picnic

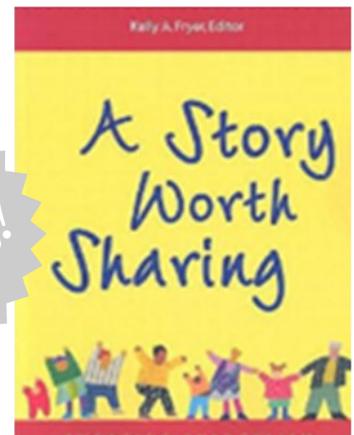
WELCOME BACK
PASTOR DAVID & CINDY DOANE

Saturday
August, 17th. 11:00AM to 4 PM

PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK
5545 SWISHER ROAD

WEST LAFAYETTE, IN 47906

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE POSTER IN THE NARTHEX
OR ON THE SUNDAY WELCOME SHEET



The group discussing how God is active in their life asked to continue. A Story Worth Sharing will continue Sunday's at 9:30 and Wednesday's at 6:00, led by Nita Cunningham.

Anyone who would like to share a bit of their faith story is welcome to drop in and participate. Ideas and prompts will be available to get us started.

Vacation For Bible School Grownups

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Three Nights—Three Terrific Community Resources

A dual track program was offered at VBS. While the children attended class, adults were invited to learn more about Lafayette area agencies that serve those in need.

Monday, July 15: YWCA Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program

Speakers: Leah Giorgini, Director
Allison Schneider, Outreach Intern
Kelly Hampton, Domestic Violence Intervention Coordinator

Provides free advocacy, support, educational outreach, and emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence in six Indiana counties

Check out a list of supplies needed at the shelter:
<http://www.holytrinitylafayette.com/community-outreach>

Tuesday, July 16: Food Finders Food Bank

Speaker: Kier Crites

Food Finders Food Bank collaborates with other organizations to provide food for those in need and to educate, advocate and to address food insecurity in North Central Indiana.

Wednesday, July 17: LTHC Homeless Services

Speaker: Jennifer Shook, Development Director

LTHC Homeless Services gets individuals/families who are homeless off the street or out of the shelter or out of the car and into housing. The organization acts as the coordination point of entry for homeless people in our community so that they get immediately evaluated and connected with the services they need.

Sue Lambert took the lead on behalf of Christian Education to coordinate three excellent sessions. Those in attendance learned that are many ways our congregation members can support these community partners on the “front line.”

PRAYING PSALMS

"Too long have I lived among those who hate peace." (120:6) God, our nation is so polarized and angry. Heal us. Start with me –help me be a gentle, non-anxious presence today.

"I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." (121:1,2) Creator God, your work is good. You fashioned us in your image, sent Jesus to save us and gave us the Holy Spirit to be with us every minute of the day. Let me give it all to you.

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" (122:1) God, be with those around the world for whom worship this weekend may be life-threatening; protect them from totalitarian regimes.

"As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore." (125:2) Please correct my arrogant belief that I am in control. My home, my family, my church are yours.

"Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy." (126:5) Remind me, Father, that whenever I think all is lost, you're doing something I can't yet see.

A message from Bishop Bill Gafkjen

The triennial Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA is August 5-10 this year. I will join twentysome other folks from the IN-KY mission territory in Milwaukee as voting members and visitors, gathered under the theme “Church Together.” As I often say about our synod assemblies, we will cram as much as we can of what it means to be the church into those six days.



Worship will center our life together throughout the week. We will debate, discuss, and discern significant decisions on behalf of the whole church. Bible study and other spiritual and community formation opportunities will be sprinkled throughout our days together. We'll say thanks and good-bye to folks who have served the church in public positions and we'll elect and welcome new folks who are ready and willing to serve. We'll pray together, laugh together, no doubt cry together, bear one another's burdens, and share each other's joys. We will be empowered, equipped and encouraged for our participation in God's mission of hope, healing, and reconciliation in the world. And what we do in Milwaukee won't stay in Milwaukee! It will reverberate out into the church to empower, equip, and encourage all the people and communities associated with the ELCA for their – your – mission and ministry as well. Gathered as a community of discernment, among the things the nearly 1000 voting members of the assembly will consider are:

- Presiding Bishop election. Like the Secretary and synod bishops, the Presiding Bishop serves six-year terms. Current Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has indicated her willingness to serve another term. The voting will begin with an ecclesiastical ballot, essentially a blank piece of paper on which voting members will write the name of any eligible ELCA pastor. If no one receives 75% or more of the vote on that ballot, votes will continue. Voting will begin in the first plenary session Monday evening.
- Election of a new Secretary for the ELCA, as we give thanks for and bid Godspeed to Pastor Chris Boerger, who will retire after serving a six-year term. Any ELCA lay person, deacon, or pastor is eligible to serve as Secretary. The voting for Secretary will begin Thursday morning and will follow the ecclesiastical balloting process.
- Election of folks to various committees, boards, and the ELCA Church Council.

- Consideration of a number of important decisions, statements, policies and practices including:
 - A proposed social statement entitled “Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action”
 - An inter-religious relationship policy, “A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment”
 - Strategy Toward Authentic Diversity within the ELCA o Declaration to People of African Descent o Policies and Procedures of the ELCA for Addressing Social Concerns
 - Report and Recommendations of the Entrance Rite Discernment Group, including consideration of the rite of ordination for ministers of Word and Service, known as deacons, and other concerns related to this roster
 - 60 Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence o
 - Scores of memorials and resolutions about a wide variety of concerns that were sent to the Churchwide Assembly from synods, congregations, and others.

The schedule and materials for the Churchwide Assembly, including the documents to be considered, are available online at <https://www.elca.org/churchwideassembly>. Most of the event will also be live-streamed and can be accessed through that same web address, beginning with opening worship at 3:00pm Central Time on Monday, August 5th. Through that web page you can also download an app, Guidebook, that will provide you with all the Assembly info.

Please pray for the folks gathered in Milwaukee before and during the Assembly. Please welcome them home afterward and ask them about what happened there. Look for synod and churchwide communications to share information about the Assembly, especially regarding how we might grow in being church together as we continue to move toward and embrace God's unfolding future for us and for our participation in God's mission of hope, healing, and reconciliation in the world.

Grateful to be church together with you,

Bill Gafkjen

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Farewell and Godspeed

Sunday, July 28 marked Jim and Pam Lembke's departure. Pam has blessed us with her gift of music, and they have both been faithful members. Jim continues work on his advanced degree program at Purdue, but has accepted a lecturing position at Milwaukee School of Engineering.

We will miss them.

VOLUNTEERS AMONG US: THE KINGS ADVENTURES

Can you picture Joann and Terry King with a hammer or paint brush in hand sweating in the Texas sun? Add to that image, an RV camp and a bunch of Methodists.

Earlier in their retirement history, they became part of a group called [Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service \(NOMADS\)](#). The Methodist church organizes retirees with a desire to bless others with their time and talents to take on new construction and remodeling. They repair churches, children's homes, camps,



colleges and outreach missions. They also help with rebuilding after disasters.

Terry says they were friends with their neighbors who were active in NOMADS "We were retired, but not ready to sit back and do nothing. We spent a little over 6 years working on NOMAD projects every winter from January through March."

The experience provided Christian fellowship and fun. He heard that NOMADS really stood for "Numerous Old Methodists Avoiding

Deep Snow!" Joanne and Terry fit right in since they have sense of humor and most of the workers were from northern states. Their projects took them to places like Alva, Florida, Tucson, Arizona, and many locations in the great state of Texas: Brownwood, Rio Grande City, Pearsall, and Crystal City.

The work included making basic repairs all the way to constructing a new addition to a church. "We remodeled bathrooms, kitchens and so forth. Our most fond memory was reconstructing a home in horrible condition." Terry remembers the home where cardboard was used to divide the space into rooms! The family they helped consisted of a widow with a teenage son who was confined to a wheel chair. Terry and Joanne were gratified to see the widow's thankful response to the change in her lifestyle made possible through the efforts of their NOMAD team.

Although the volunteer work was undertaken to share God's love, Joanne and Terry report they were also blessed with lasting acquaintances and friends. They still visit and talk with their fellow volunteers.