



## GOOD NEWS – January 2018

### Pastor's Letter

*"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." John 1:14*

Pastor, I heard that you think our Mary and Joseph (the old dusty lawn figures who reside in our attic) are the wrong color, and that's why they don't come out. That's the comment I got, more than once, after our Fall Clean Up day when we spent some time cleaning the working sacristy and moving some of our worship supplies out of the attic so that they are more easily accessible, and tripping over our almost life size Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus.

It's true and it's not.

I worry about our predominantly white church here at St. Andrew, our predominantly white denomination – Lutherans, reinforcing a blond blued eyed image of Mary, or an Italian Joseph posting them on our front lawn. The problem is that's all we see. The images, the illustrations, the paintings we post, the figures we have and use in our church, in our community are predominantly white.

Jesus was born in the Middle East, in Israel. His parents were not strangers or immigrants from another land. Mary and Joseph were from Nazareth. Picture the people from that area of the world with their sunny, olive skin and dark thick hair and eyes.

We have problems with people from that area of the world here in the United States. People who look Middle Eastern are more often seen as violent, misogynist, terrorist, than they are the root of our family tree. The people of Abraham and Isaac, Moses and King David, Joseph and Mary, Jesus, the Word made flesh. Through Jesus, we have been made a part of this family tree. Through them, the people who have God written on their hearts, begins our understanding of well being for the world, peace, shalom for all.

I have a problem with white Jesus and Mary and Joseph.  
I do and I don't.

The Incarnation matters.

God came as one of us.  
We are created in the image of God.  
And we need to see one another as created in the image of God.  
(not just the ones who look like us).

From Jean Baptiste Basquiat to Leonardo DaVinci to He Qi, artist all over the world have imagined the Holy Family as looking like them. That's incarnational. That says we believe that God came and lived among us as one of us, and that we can see ourselves created in the image of God, bearing God. There is truth in that, that is not a 1+2=3 kind of truth. There is truth in that, that is more than Jesus of Nazareth was born in Bethlehem and historically, based on that time and geography would have looked like...

Yet, when we only see white Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we grow used to that, accept it as he only truth, train our eyes to look for God there, to see the image of God there, and not is dark hues, or caramel colors, with hair like midnight.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Let's create sacred space that celebrates the marvelously diverse spectrum of possibility within God that finds us all created in the image of God.

Peace+  
Pr. Stephanie

PS On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, I am **counting my blessings and giving thanks** for so many of you. I do not do this work alone, and I am blessed in **our staff** who has kept up with our busy Christmas preparing and celebrating from Jerry who keeps us clean and warm, to Christine who makes sure we know what we are doing, singing, saying with so many announcements, bulletins, updates, to Gwynne who puts a song in our hearts and helps us to pray. I am blessed **in you, the people of St. Andrew**, in your generosity to the community, toward each other and to me personally, in your creativity, your leadership, your joyful participation, your care. Thank you!

## Council Corner

From the President

As is usual, December was a very busy month.

A. A meaningful Advent service was held Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 4 P.M. Individual prayers and blessings were offered to those in attendance.

B. The next weekend, a number of St. Andrew members shared the Christmas message with our shut-in members. From nursing home to private homes we went door to door sharing the Luke 2 gospel and some Christmas Carols. The experience was meaningful to those of us who went as well as to those who were visited.

C. We welcomed the Bristol community to our annual Blue Christmas service on December 17. We thank the Bristol Hospital Hospice Program and the other area clergy who participated in making this a meaningful celebration of Christmas for those who are

experiencing difficulties of any kind during this holiday season. Special thanks to Pastor Henry Morris for his touching message on that evening

D. At the Advent event on Sunday, December 3, 2017, Greeting cards were made to be distributed to the home-bound. Advent wreaths were constructed and "Advent Trees" were distributed. Each day during Advent, as Pastor offered an Advent message via e-mail, tree holders were encouraged to decorate an ornament and place it on their tree. The decorated trees were then returned to the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve worship.

E. Thanks to several hard working ladies of the congregation, we have added over \$1,100.00 to the general fund and another \$1,100.00 to the kitchen fund. These ladies have worked many hours creating "Christmas Crafts" and delicious Christmas Cookies. The crafts were sold at various craft fairs in the area and St. Andrew folk enjoyed the many dozen cookies. Thank you ladies, your efforts are noted (and eaten) – a job well done.

F. Thanks to all who participated in the "Quilt" drawing. A beautiful quilt of no certain origin was donated to St. Andrew. The decision to "raffle " it was made and the funds received were to go directly to the capital improvement fund to help pay for the new floor in the fellowship hall. \$ 250.00 was raised and Judy Ferro now has a new quilt. Thanks to all who participated in this project.

G. Thanks to a member of St. Andrew who has forgiven a \$1,000.00 loan to the congregation. The funds were transferred directly to the mortgage at Farmington Bank. Thanks, again, not only for the loan but for the generous forgiveness of that debt.

H. Finally, thanks to Pastor for all of her efforts during this busy season. Meaningful worship experiences, visits to homebound members, and daily devotions for Advent, all take extra time and effort. We are truly blessed with her ability and willingness to go the extra mile to share the "Good News" to all .

Last month we wished you a "Happy New Church Year". This month may your "New Year " be filled with blessings. Bob

An afterthought---2018 offering envelopes have been available for a few weeks now. Most members have the same number as they had in 2017, however some numbers had to be changed. Please be sure you put your name on your envelope, as least for the first few weeks, so that proper posting of your offerings will be possible.

Thank-you!

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**Worship with us weekly**  
**Saturdays at 4 p.m.**  
**Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

These weekly services of Holy Communion are what make us church. Here is where we gather, where God has promised to meet us. Here is where we are fed and forgiven, where we hear God's promises spoken for us, where we are formed as God's people for the world. Come and hear God's promise for you. Come and be fed and blessed in your journey. Come and be reconnected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

**CHRISTMAS: Glory to God in the highest!**  
*Celebrating all 12 Days of Christmas!*

**First Sunday of Christmas,  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 9:30 a.m.  
A Service of Lessons and Carols with communion**

Rejoice and carol through all twelve of the 12 days of Christmas! This morning we get ready to ring in the New Year with songs and scripture announcing the arrival of Emmanuel, God with us, the word made flesh, the renewal of creation, good news for all people. Hear the stories. Sing the songs. Enjoy the special music offered.

**EPIPHANY: Light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness cannot overcome it.**

**Epiphany/Baptism of our Lord,  
Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion with Epiphany Procession**

The Christmas season closes with the day of Epiphany (January 6), which tells of the coming of the three magi to visit the baby Jesus with their costly gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The church season of Epiphany focuses us on the ways we recognize that Jesus was more than another prophet or king, that Jesus was in fact God among us, the creative word of God enfleshed. The season begins with the story of Jesus baptism as the heavens are ripped open and the spirit of the Lord descends.

**Worship: the work of God's people.**

We worship together. It's part of what we do as God's faithful people. We speak God's Word, and contemplate what it means for us today. How do we hear God's promises today? We greet one another as beloved by God, brothers and sisters in Christ. We share bread and wine, Christ's body and blood. We are looking for your participation. Where would you serve gladly? Reading a lesson (lector)? Leading our prayers (Assisting Minister)? Welcoming people and facilitating their worship (ushers and greeters)? Preparing our house for worship (Altar Guild and decorating team)? Leading our song (choir)? Please speak with Pastor Stephanie about where you would like to serve.

**A big heartfelt thank you  
to all the participants of the Christmas Pageant!**

From musicians and speakers, to costume and stage crew and of course the Lynch Family as Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, everyone worked together beautifully to tell the wondrous story of Jesus' birth.

It was a blessing to all!

Thanks Again,  
Jean Gustafson

## EDUCATION

**WOW** : Love is >. Celebrating the 12 days of Christmas, we begin the New Year (January 2) celebrating Epiphany, the arrival of the three Kings, a star-light to follow, gifts to bring. The next month will look at stories and verses highlighting the ways God calls us to love and serve the least likely characters – our enemies, those most different and difficult people in our lives. Of course there will be new songs to learn, silly games, dramatic presentations, and blessings a plenty to be had.

5:15 p.m.      WoW: Session 1  
5:15 p.m.      Youth Choir  
6 p.m.          Pizza Dinner  
6:30 p.m.      WoW: Session 2  
6:45 p.m.      Handbells  
7:30 p.m.      Voice Choir

All we ask is a contribution towards pizza and signing up once a month to bring salad or dessert for all.

### **WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 1 CORINTHIANS.**

This study examines the correspondence from the apostle Paul to the early church in Corinth. Paul's letters to this church provided guidance - for persons new to faith as well as those growing in faith - about what it means to be a disciple of Christ. This study examines some of the "big questions" the church faced, and that we still face today.

**Join us Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. beginning Wednesday, January 10 through Wednesday February 7.**

This course explores selected passages from 1 Corinthians.

1. Whose Am I? (1 Corinthians 1:1-30)
2. What Then Am I? (1 Corinthians 3:1 – 4:5)
3. It's Not All About Me? (1 Corinthians 6:12-20; 10:23-33)
4. What Am I Good For? (1 Corinthians 12:1-31)
5. What Will I Be Ultimately? (1 Corinthians 12:12-28; 35-58)

### **Voting members needed!**

**On June 7-9, the 2018 New England Synod ELCA Synod Assembly will be held in Springfield MA.**

Each congregation sends 2 voting members (we have a 3rd category available, youth aged 14-18 with one person ready for balloting so far). Expenses are covered by the congregation per our constitution.

This is an excellent opportunity to witness interesting and varied worship styles, participate in the business of the Synod, and meet new and old friends. There are some St. Andrew folks who will go as visitors, so you'll know somebody there already. We will be electing our voting members at our St. Andrew Annual Meeting on **January 21st**.

If interested please let Council Pres. Bob Herold or Council Secy Ellie Miller know so you can be put on the ballot, Nominations from the floor will also be taken on meeting day.

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY STAY:** Sunday, **January 7th** (the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month) Roger Narvesen and Donna Ropp invite youth (Confirmands and High School) to stay (also stands for **St. Andrew Youth**) after church to play games and fellowship.

**#forsuchatimeasthis:** Presiding Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church issued a joint invitation to a season of prayer, fasting and advocacy out of concern for proposed deep cuts to programs that are vital to hungry people struggling with poverty. As Lutherans, we are not often invited to fast as a spiritual discipline. It is frequently mentioned spiritual discipline in the Bible. There are many ways to be intentional about a fast: nothing but liquids for the day, nothing between sun up and sun down, pick a particular group of foods or a meal to forgo. The point is the intentionality. That comes from the prayer that surrounds the act for those who are hungry and suffering in poverty. This is how we walk alongside. This is how we accompany. We offer ourselves in some way for our neighbor who is hurting.

Those who choose to engage in this spiritual discipline are invited to fast on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month. Devotions are available for the day, which can be emailed to you (let Pr. Stephanie know) and a night prayer service (Compline) at 8 pm to ends the day.

**THANKS** to all who supported our recent Cookie and Craft Sales.....we netted a profit of over \$2150.00!! The monies will go towards a new sink in the kitchen and the General Fund

## **Youth Super Bowl Subs!**

We may not know who is playing just yet. BUT, we do know we need the perfect game snack. Order your grinder from the youth group and help them get to camp. Pick up your freshly made grinders that morning (Sunday, **February 4**) after church.

Youth will be taking orders the last two weekends in January 20-21 and 27-28. Orders are due by Sunday, **January 28**. As we purchase our supplies carefully to maximize our funds raised, we cannot fill orders the day of. Order now. Eat then. Order forms are available at church in the bulletins and at the order table. One sandwich per form please. Sandwiches are \$7 each.

## **WOMENS GUILD**

Many members and guests enjoyed the annual Christmas party on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Mother Nature helped so we only had to deal with cold temperatures! The decorations were beautiful! The food was superb! The company was terrific! The grab bag part of the evening was fun! Our dinner music provided by Jared Procko added the right touch to the evening! We thank our committee members for their work in preparing all this!

**AT THIS TIME WE WISH TO THANK EVERYONE (MEMBERS AND PARISHIONERS) WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION FOR RESIDENTS OF VILLAGE GREEN! WE LIKE TO THINK WE HAVE MADE LIFE A LITTLE BRIGHTER FOR OTHERS!**

The Women's Guild will be having our annual winter recess. Meetings will resume in March. Please check our bulletin board and the bulletins and newsletters for further announcements.

**We send our wishes to all for a happy, healthy, and joyous 2018!**

Joan Strecker

## **WINTER GROCERY CART CHALLENGE**

**We're going to try something new**.....thanks to anyone who has shared a recipe.....if not, no worries, here's what we're hoping to do:

### **"Meal in a Box" (or bag)**

for instance, I make a taco stew that has canned items and shredded chicken. Well, canned chicken could be used instead, so I'm going to make a box with all the canned ingredients plus canned chicken, and Voila! Santa Fe Taco Stew complete!

Or, boxed mac and cheese with a 1lb canned ham.....who doesn't love hot mac n cheese with ham cubes in it

or boxed mashed potatoes with a can of gravy and canned roast beef?

Do you make a veggie soup that might use canned/boxed items?

### **Lets try it!**

Put your meal in a box/bag with the recipe and put it in our shopping cart.

Come on, we love a challenge!

When you share a recipe consider placing a couple of canned items in the cart that can help make the soup or chili too. You don't need to put them together but just having that little extra on the shelf at the food pantry could make a big difference in a family's meal planning.

## **Stewardship**

### **It's Hip to be Square**

There's still time to sponsor tiles for the new floor in our "Hip to Be Square" campaign. Help by sponsoring a tile for \$25. Donations can be sent to the office or put in the offering plate. (and thanks to Jon Galvin for being our "Hip to Be Square" icon!)



**Thank you, people of St. Andrew:** for submitting your commitment cards for 2018! We have surpassed last year's number of cards received, showing your willingness to share what God has given you. See the President's report for details. Stewardship is looking forward to working with you as we **Enter into the Joy** of giving!

**STEWARDSHIP** comes in many forms.....yes, this time of year we complete commitment cards and prepare budgets and plan how we will share God's treasures with those in need.

There is another great Stewardship need here at St.Andrew; your TIME. Many programs, events, and functions at church could use your help. We have 2 areas of immediate opportunities:

## **Altar Guild and Parish Council**

**Altar Guild** sets up communion, changes the altar linens when needed, assists in readying the altar area for worship, a vital part of our worship experience. There is training, and the time commitment is about 10 minutes before and 10 minutes after worship. And you only need to serve 4 SUNDAYS A YEAR! (one month). This is a great opportunity for a family to serve together, or grab a friend and form a team! Please let the office, or Bob Herold, or Arlene Creswell know you'd like to serve, and thank you!

**Parish Council** is responsible for the business of the church, it is important to have full representation on this governing body; we have an immediate need for a Vice President (assists the President, serves on the Executive Comm.), a Parish Life Liaison (represents events planned at the church) and a Young Adult (aged 18-30) to represent that age group. It is in our best interest to have these Council positions filled. Please consider serving. If interested, please see Bob Herold.

A mighty few have been carrying the programs & functions at St. Andrew, these mighty few **NEED YOU!**

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!**

**1/04: Andrew Doty**  
**1/07: Linus Clark**  
**1/09: Erik Glidden**  
**1/11: Andrew Alling**  
**1/14: Alex Vertefeuille**  
**1/15: Aiden Trudel**  
**1/18: Ryan Burkhardt**  
**1/20: Bobbie Scoville**  
**1/21: Arthur Potz, Jr.**  
**1/24: Vonda Deveau**  
**1/24: Dennis Rindfleisch**  
**1/24: Laurie Rindfleisch**  
**1/25: Donna Ouellette**  
**1/26: Gertrude Wedler**  
**1/29: Denise Peabody**  
**1/30: Judi Ferro**  
**1/30: Susan Mazzarella**  
**1/31: Samantha Laviero**

### **Please Remember in Your Prayers... Those in need of healing:**

Keith duBay, Bill England, John Gacek, Wade Hibbard, Marc Lizotte-Roberge, Wes Long, Bill Murtha, Ted Neumann, Betty O'Connor, Jim Prior, Paul Rescsanski, Janet Rindfleisch, Arlene & Charles Schissler, Ron & Lois St. Pierre, Perk Talmadge, Doug Wasik, Trudi Wedler, Anna Zurell.



**Those in nursing homes and the homebound:** Dorothy Forrest, Dermott & Virginia Luckner, Adeline Nevulis and Marie Ouellette.

### **Purpose Statement**

***We are committed to seeking out people for membership in Christ's family, studying God's Word together that we may grow in his grace, strengthening our lives with regular worship and fellowship and sharing our time, talents, and treasure that Jesus will be known to all people through our words and deeds.***

### **Pastoral Care**

Pastor Pope is frequently in the office Monday through Thursday. Please call (860) 583-5809 for an appointment. Help us to provide good pastoral care by keeping the church up-to-date with what's going on in our lives as part of God's family. Please call the church office and let Pastor know if:

You are in need of prayer;  
You are ill or hospitalized;  
You wish to be anointed for healing;  
A baby is born in your family;  
A family member dies;  
You wish to be married;  
You wish to be baptized or have a child baptized;  
You wish to receive communion;  
You are moving, or have changed your contact information, or;  
You would like to join St. Andrew

### **Pastoral Acts:**

**Funeral:** Funeral: Jeffrey Tye, Cullen Murphy, Viola Aliano

### **About St. Andrew:**

#### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**President:** Robert Herold

**Vice President:** (vacant)

**Secretary:** Ellie Miller

**Treasurer:** Stephen Adam

**Faith Formation Liaison:** Karen Biernat

**Mission and Outreach Liaison:** Arlene Creswell

**Parish Life Liaison:** (open)

**Stewardship Liaison:** Don Zurell

**Youth Council-at-large:** Kelly Simpson

**Young Adult Council-at-large:** (open)

## January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 <b>New Year's Day</b>	2 12:30 PM Pastors Meet 5:15 PM WoW 1 5:15 PM Youth Choir 6:00 PM Pizza 6:30 PM WoW 2 6:45 PM Hand Bells 7:30 PM Voice Choir	3 6:30 PM WoW Meeting	4 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Church Council 7:00 PM AA (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 PM ALANON (Youth Room)	5	6 4:00 PM Worship Service (Chapel)
7 <b>Name Tag Sunday</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM STAY 11:00 AM Stewardship	8 6:00 PM Confirmation Class	9 12:30 PM Pastors Meet 5:15 PM WoW 1 5:15 PM Youth Choir 6:00 PM Pizza 6:30 PM WoW 2 6:45 PM Hand Bells 7:30 PM Voice Choir	10 7:00 PM Bible Study	11 7:00 PM AA (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 PM ALANON (Youth Room)	12	13 4:00 PM Worship Service (Chapel)
14 9:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 AM Coffee Hour	15 <b>Martin Luther King Day</b> 6:00 PM No Confirmation Class 6:45 PM Bristol Choral Society	16 12:30 PM Pastors Meet 5:15 PM WoW 1 5:15 PM Youth Choir 6:00 PM Pizza 6:30 PM WoW 2 6:45 PM Hand Bells 7:30 PM Voice Choir	17 7:00 PM Bible Study	18 7:00 PM Worship Committee 7:00 PM AA (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 PM ALANON (Youth Room)	19	20 4:00 PM Worship Service (Chapel)
21 <b>Fasting Day</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Annual Meeting 8:00 PM Compline	22 6:00 PM Confirmation Class 6:45 PM Bristol Choral Society	23 12:30 PM Pastors Meet 5:15 PM WoW 1 5:15 PM Youth Choir 6:00 PM Pizza 6:30 PM WoW 2 6:45 PM Hand Bells 7:30 PM Voice Choir	24 10:00 AM Mulberry Gardens 12:00 PM Bristol Clergy Lunch (BARC) 7:00 PM Bible Study	25 7:00 PM AA (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 PM ALANON (Youth Room)	26	27 4:00 PM Worship Service (Chapel)
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# January Worship Serving Schedule

	7-Jan-18	14-Jan-18	21-Jan-18	28-Jan-18
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Terry Gustafson	Arlene Creswell	Alex Carros	Kathy Cutter
<b>Lector</b>	Arlene Creswell	Jan Jackson	Nancy Denehy	Jean Gustafson
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Nancy Denehy	None Needed	Keith Hintz	Jan Jackson
<b>Front Door</b>	Paul & Robin Caron	June & Larry Beaulieu	Ruth Vontell & Family	Kristen Vaccaro
<b>Side Door</b>	Ursula Kaminsky	Nancy Denehy Carol Brunelle	John & Renee Werner	Ethan Hoyt Peggy Hoyt
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Chuck & Noreen Simmons Rosemarie Tessman	Ken & Barbara Soden	Cathy Demers Roy Ouellette	Robin Landrette Dawn Stitham
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sue Provenzano Ashley Provenzano	Same	Same	Same
<b>Acolytes</b>	Chadd Vontell Sydney Adam	Daria Fournier Madelyn Caros	Ryleigh Hall Kyle Galvin	Luke Adam Sydney Adam
<b>Ushers</b>	Robert Lagasse Jon FitzGerald Michael Beaudoin	Robert Lagasse Jon FitzGerald Michael Beaudoin	Youth Group	Youth Group
<b>Counters</b>	Tricia Galvin John & Renee Werner	Same	Same	Same
<b>Bulletin Helper</b>	Linda Prior	Same	Same	Same

## WHERE YOUR OFFERING GOES

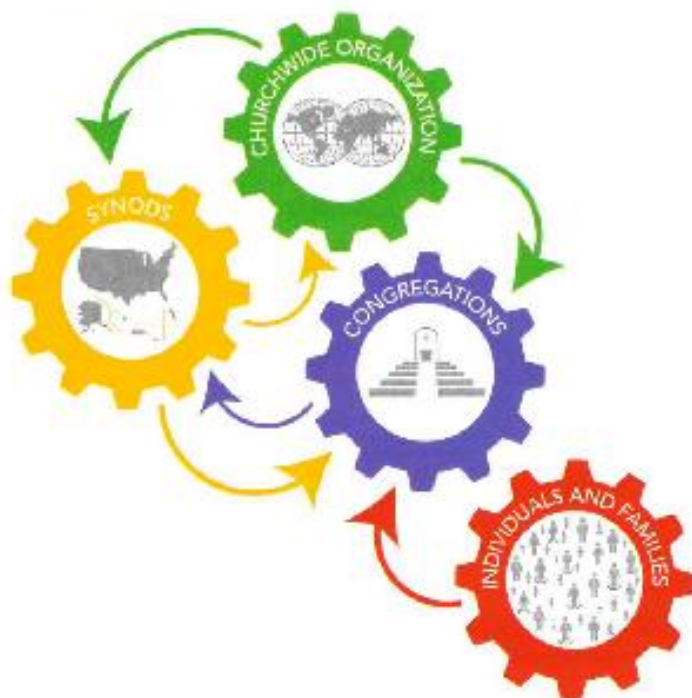
**As Lutherans**, we believe that Christ has freed us from sin and death, even from ourselves, so that we can love and serve our neighbors. One way we put our faith in action is by making a financial gift—an offering—to our congregation.

Did you know that when you give an offering to your congregation, a percentage of that financial gift is shared with your synod and churchwide organization? Each year, during budget season, your congregation's council pledges to send a portion of the offerings it receives to fund ELCA ministries in your synod and beyond. In the ELCA, we call these funds Mission Support.

Mission Support enables the ELCA's **9,300 congregations** and **65 synods** to pool resources to love and serve our neighbors in ways that no individual, congregation or synod can do alone. It shows how we are church together—it's essential to who we are as the ELCA.

Through our offerings, which are shared with the wider church, **we participate in God's life-changing work** in our communities and around the world.

## HOW MISSION SUPPORT WORKS



### YOUR CONGREGATION

Your offering is stewarded by your congregation's council to support the work of your congregation. When your congregation votes to adopt its annual budget, you designate a portion of your offering to be shared with your synod and the ELCA churchwide organization. These funds are called Mission Support.

### YOUR SYNOD

Your congregation's Mission Support dollars are then stewarded by your synod leaders to support the work of the synod. Synods use Mission Support to nurture ELCA congregations and rostered leaders and support local partners (camps, colleges, seminaries and more). Some synods support companion churches around the world. Synods also designate a portion of the Mission Support funds they receive to be sent to the churchwide organization.

### YOUR CHURCHWIDE ORGANIZATION

Your churchwide organization stewards Mission Support dollars to respond to national and worldwide ministries and to lead ministry initiatives on behalf of the whole church. A few of those ministries are highlighted in this publication, but there are many others that together create a strong witness to the love of Christ.