

Pastor's Report 2017

Making Faith Visible to a New Generation

Our Mission Statement, "Making Faith Visible" captures a vision for moving into the future. Based on 3 John verse 5, "When you extend hospitality to Christian brothers and sisters, even when they are strangers, you make faith visible."

We have proclaimed the Gospel and made faith visible many ways in 2017...

- ❖ Our LOGOS Family Nights (LOGOS is the Greek word for WORD, as in the beginning was the Word, meaning Jesus in John's Gospel) have been a wonderful experience for all. We have been averaging 50-60 people this past fall. We had a full church for our wonderful Christmas program. We begin again on January 17th. Come join the fun!
- ❖ Through your generous stewardship we have supported the work of Jesus throughout the world.
- ❖ Through the generosity of all we have installed a new roof, put in new sidewalks and landscaped our facility. With continued funding we will be able to continue renovation to have our church looking fresh, bright and welcoming.
- ❖ Our 100th Anniversary was an amazing and Spirit-filled celebration, thank you to all who made it happen!

We have given thanks for the lives and faith of our loved ones who are now leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Ella Hanson, Rick Isle, Claude Loberg, Greta & Milton Monson, Eddie Olson,
Robert Olson, James Reed, Violet Zimmerman,**

It has been a year to give thanks for...

- ❖ Our church leadership: Council President Cheri' and our Church Council; Michelle, for leading LOGOS; Phyllis, Sandy and Bertha with WELCA, and Jerald managing our finances. Our Lay Pastoral Associates Laura, Larry, Shirley and LPA in training Shane for all they do.
- ❖ Our great staff, Angie, Charlene, Grant and Pepper.
- ❖ Musicians, Lynne and Sharon on piano and, Alan, Austin, Christine, and Jerald, in the chancel band.
- ❖ For Chandra, Colt, Jim, and Terry in the radio room and Joe & Gloria setting up communion.
- ❖ Shirley, Georgia, and Bertha who give of their time to make our Blood Drives a success
- ❖ The quilters who send their gifts of hope throughout the world

Making Faith Visible is about asking people in our community why they're here, why they've come to worship, what they're looking for, and how this congregation can aid them in their walk with God.

I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, I still possess. *Martin Luther*

Thank you for the great honor and blessing of being your pastor!

The Rev. Gregory V. Holler-Densmore