



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we prepare for Friday evening's Synod Assembly during this season of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit who draws us to the promise of new life in the Crucified and Risen Jesus. And this promise grounds us in the truth that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. Neither church conflict. Nor COVID-19. Nor political strife. Nor racial discord. Nor death. God is God, and we are God's people. And God's love for us endures forever.

2021 is the Year of Generosity, and our focus is on Funding the Mission. God has a mission, and God's mission has a church, and God's church is full of generous people who have abundant gifts and resources; gifts and resources that we are called to share. In the Book of Acts, Jesus reminds us that, "**...It is more blessed to give than to receive**" (Acts 20:35c). Generosity is at the heart of following Jesus.

One of my favorite Bible verses related to generosity is recorded in the Sermon on Mount. The Bible verse is Matthew 6:21, "**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also**". This powerful verse reminds us that the spiritual practice of generosity can transform our hearts and lives, and at the same time, renew our communities. By practicing generosity, we are given the opportunity to partner with God to renew all things. This partnership is at the heart of the Northwestern Ohio Synod's mission: **Sent by the Crucified and Risen Jesus to Make Disciples, Equip Leaders, Strengthen Parishes, and Nurture New Communities for the Renewal of Northwestern Ohio and the World**. We have experienced abundant generosity in the Northwestern Ohio Synod, which has moved us forward in our mission.

This past Spring, we were blessed to offer our second round of **Imagining Renewal Microgrants**. In May, we gathered at Middlegrounds Metropark for a morning Pentecost service followed by an outdoor picnic to award 36 microgrants to a wide array of parishes and community organizations. These Microgrants, ranging from \$500-\$2000 were awarded across our synod, and included: 22 rural projects, 12 urban projects, and 3 suburban projects. We look forward to making the Imagining Renewal Microgrants an annual project, with a third round of awards in 2022.

One example of an Imagining Renewal Microgrant in action was led by Diakonia graduate Jacinda Jones. Jacinda combined her love of summertime at the campground with her passion for sharing Jesus with children. On Saturday mornings from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Jacinda engaged the children at her campground who were restlessly awaiting the opening of the pool. Children were welcomed into a time of games and craft projects around Bible stories and faith-filled fun. As relationships grew, so too did the weekly gathering. We are grateful for the new community that Jacinda nurtured through the Imagining Renewal Microgrant initiative.

The global pandemic has had a profound effect on our parishes and communities. People we dearly love became sick. Some recovered, and others died. We are clearly

not out of the woods yet. From April 2020 through May of 2021, our synod received **\$45,500** in COVID relief grants from the ELCA and ELCA World Hunger. 100% of these funds were distributed to those within our synod who were most affected by the pandemic: prisons, preschools, feeding ministries, social ministry organizations, and places experiencing poverty.

One example of a COVID Relief Grant in action is through the remarkable work of Cindy's Corner. During a global pandemic this life changing ministry quickly expanded from one to three locations. Cindy's Corner currently serves the communities surrounding St. Lucas, St. John's, and St. Paul's in Toledo. In addition to offering meals and a place for fellowship, special outdoor gathering spaces are providing beautiful and safe spaces for folks experiencing homelessness. The many volunteers at Cindy's Corner are sharing the good news that every person is a reflection of the image of God and being a good neighbor means treating every person with dignity and love.

Which brings us to a new opportunity we have for the **Renewal of the World**. At the end of 2020, we were blessed with very successful Year End campaign. We set a goal to raise **\$52,020** and ended up receiving just under **\$85,000**. Those funds are being used for the new **Innovator Learning Academy**, and the excess funds will help us with the next group of innovators we are planning to empower in a 2021-2023 cohort. This was a very successful Year End Ask, which leads me to believe that we can do it again. Only this time it will not be for the renewal of Northwest Ohio, but for the renewal of the world.

The Northwestern Ohio Synod has been richly blessed this year, and I'd love for us to end 2021 the Year of Generosity by giving back to the greater church, for the renewal of the world. We are in conversation with **Lutheran Disaster Response**, an incredible organization that provides substantial relief and resources to those who are struggling from COVID-19, political crises, and natural disasters. In 2020, Lutheran Disaster Response was active in 46 states and territories in the United States, and in 53 countries around the world, including in the lives of our global companions in Mexico, Serbia, and Tanzania.

As we have been given much, I truly believe that we can give back generously. The Council of the Northwestern Ohio Synod is encouraging us to partner with Lutheran Disaster Response and endeavor to raise at least **\$100,000** for our brothers and sisters in the United States and around the world. This Year End Ask will begin October 1 and take us through the end of the year. In this Year of Generosity would you and your parish partner with us, with Lutheran Disaster Response, and with God, for the renewal of the world?

*Let us pray, **Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will. Amen.*** (Prayer for Generosity by St. Ignatius Loyola)

Blessings,



Bishop Daniel G. Beaudoin



**Northwestern Ohio Synod
Roster & Maintenance Report for April 2020-April 1, 2021**



Ordinations / Consecrations:

✝ Barry Halter – Pastor – 9/19/2020

Installations:

- ✝ Rev. Janine Shearer, Emanuel, Napoleon – 9/3/2020
- ✝ Rev. Barry Halter, St. Paul, Upper Sandusky – 9/19/2020
- ✝ Rev. Doris Mars, St. John's, Findlay – 9/22/2020
- ✝ Rev. Matthew Carpenter, Bethlehem, Okolona – 9/24/2020
- ✝ Deacon Amanda Carpenter, Bethlehem, Defiance, St. Mark's, Defiance 9/30/2020
- ✝ Rev. Robin Kapostasy, Hope, Fostoria – 11/8/2020
- ✝ Rev. Paul Bailie, LIFT, Fremont – 2/14/2021
- ✝ Rev. Matthew Musteric, St. Peter, Martin, St. Luke's, Curtice – 3/21/2021
- ✝ Rev. Jennifer Gonsalves, St. Paul's, Waldo – 3/28/2021

On Leave from Call Approved:

- ❖ Rev. Sharon Stonerock
- ❖ Rev. Brian Krause
- ❖ Deacon Heather Smith
- ❖ Deacon Erin Bodensstab
- ❖ Deacon Hannah Demaree
- ❖ Rev. Dana Bjorlin
- ❖ Rev. Clyde Singh
- ❖ Rev. Rob Johnson
- ❖ Rev. Beth Huener
- ❖ Rev. Timothy Reynolds
- ❖ Deacon Jennifer Vasquez
- ❖ Rev. Meg Boger

Called/Transferred Out of the Synod:

- ❖ Rev. Amanda Ghaffarian to Indiana/Kentucky Synod
- ❖ Rev. Steve Edmiston to Southern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. Renee Ahern to Southern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. Matthew Lash to South Carolina Synod
- ❖ Rev. Rita Bair to Southern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. Jody Rice to Lower Susquehanna Synod
- ❖ Rev. Ralph Mineo to Northwestern PA Synod



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Called/Transferred into the Synod:

- ❖ Rev. Becky Bolander from Southeastern Michigan Synod
- ❖ Rev. Matthew Carpenter from Northwest Lower Michigan Synod
- ❖ Deacon Amanda Carpenter from Northwest Lower Michigan Synod
- ❖ Rev. Paul Bailie from Northeastern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. Jennifer Gonsalves from Southeastern Minnesota Synod

Invitation to Extended Service:

- † None currently

Synodically Authorized Ministers (SAM) Invitation to Service:

- † Deacon Jean Wise at Williams County Parish
- † David Frye – West Toledo Parish
- † Carol Pretorius at St. Peter, Delphos
- † Robin Small at St. Mark's, Bowling Green
- † Frank Raeske at Zion, Luckey
- † Tanyce Addison at Good Hope, Bucyrus
- † Dawn David at Salem Grace, Luckey & Sonfire by the River, Pemberville
- † Ryan Cordle at Zion, Lafayette
- † Chris Staup at First, Stryker
- † Maureen Pump at Grace, St. Mark & Trinity, Fremont
- † Alex Heffelfinger at St. John, Hicksville
- † Rebecca West-Estell at Glenwood, St. Paul's & Memorial, Toledo
- † Deb Monnin at First English, Wapakoneta & Trinity, Moulton
- † Deb Noll at Nazareth, Chatfield & St. John's, New Washington

Resigned/ Removed from the Roster:

- ❖ None currently



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Retirement:

- ❖ Rev. Steve Bull
- ❖ Rev. Jim Lehman
- ❖ Rev. Jody Rice
- ❖ Rev. Ralph Mineo
- ❖ Rev. Larry Michaels
- ❖ Rev. Janine Dress
- ❖ Rev. Matthew Lash
- ❖ Rev. Mark English
- ❖ Rev. Rita Bair
- ❖ Rev. Vicky Coombs

Deaths:

- † Rev. Richard Sutter
- † Rev. Dan Wilch
- † Rev. Fred Wiechers
- † Rev. John Berger
- † Rev. Jim Van Brussel
- † Rev. Loren Hoch
- † Rev. Charles Steward
- † Rev. Charles Boomhower
- † Rev. Robert Mix
- † Rev. Tim Sonnenberg
- † Rev. Tom Schutt



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2021 Anniversaries of Ordination

25 Years:

- † Rev. Daniel G. Beaudoin
- † Rev. William A. Schroeder
- † Rev. Brenda L. Peconge
- † Rev. Juli K. Lejman-Guy
- † Rev. Samuel S. Payne
- † Rev. William R. Stenke

45 Years

- † Rev. Charles M. Horn
- † Rev. Dane K. Meuschke
- † Rev. Edward M. Wahl
- † Rev. Philip H. Scherr
- † Rev. Richard C. Rentner
- † Rev. Timothy D. Rothfuss

30 Years:

- † None currently

50 Years:

- † Rev. Henry C. Seibert
- † Rev. James A. Dumke
- † Rev. Joseph H. Bartzcak

35 Years:

- † Rev. Denise H. Brown
- † Deacon Diane S. Wheeler
- † Deacon M. J. Fogle

55 Years:

- † Rev. Daniel W. Mohr
- † Rev. Gary J. Woodruff
- † Rev. Robert J. Johnson

40 Years:

- † Rev. Craig B. Scholl
- † Rev. John L. Dyer
- † Rev. Mark E. Bogen
- † Rev. Merlin E. Jacobs

60 Years:

- † Rev. Darwin E. Wilson
- † Rev. Donald C. Baacke
- † Rev. Paul D. Young
- † Rev. Raymond P. Serocka
- † Rev. Richard M. Billings

65 Years:

- † Rev. Paul F. Stengel



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Ordinations / Consecrations:

- † Daniel Gutman – Pastor – 8/31/2019
- † Timothy Miller – Pastor – 12/22/2019

Installations:

- † Rev. Mike Hughes at St. John's, Stony Ridge – 7/21/2019
- † Rev. Beth Westphal at St. Paul, Lakeside & St. John, Marblehead – 8/15/2019
- † Rev. Mark Wentz at Lutheran Church of the Master, Perrysburg – 8/29/2019
- † Rev. Daniel Gutman at Zion, Lima – 9/3/2019
- † Rev. Juli Lejman-Guy at St. Peter's, Holgate – 10/13/2019
- † Rev. Matthew Voyer at Trinity, Delta – 11/5/2019
- † Rev. Rick Jensen at Trinity, Arcadia – 11/12/2019
- † Rev. Sam Payne at St. Matthew's, Lima – 12/10/2019
- † Rev. Tim Miller at Faith, Fremont – 1/16/2020
- † Rev. Mary Adelsberger, Memorial, Toledo – 2/20/2020

On Leave from Call Approved:

- ❖ Rev. Howard Abts
- ❖ Rev. Mandy Oleson
- ❖ Deacon Erin Bodensab
- ❖ Deacon Heather Smith
- ❖ Rev. Brian Krause
- ❖ Rev. Dana Bjorlin
- ❖ Rev. Sharon Stonerock
- ❖ Rev. Renee Ahern
- ❖ Rev. Clyde Singh
- ❖ Deacon Hannah Demaree

Called/Transferred Out of the Synod:

- ❖ Deacon Blaire Smith to Southern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. Blair Miller to Southern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. Richard Weaver to Northeastern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. Richard "Mike" Brown to South Central Synod of Wisconsin
- ❖ Rev. Larry Knigga to Indiana/Kentucky Synod
- ❖ Rev. Al Swartz to Southern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. Scott Mauch to Indiana/Kentucky Synod
- ❖ Rev. Neil Brady to Northwest Lower Michigan Synod



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Called/Transferred into the Synod:

- ❖ Rev. Elizabeth Westphal from Southern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. K. Bernell Boehm from Southern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. Matthew Voyer from Indiana/Kentucky Synod
- ❖ Deacon Blaire Smith from Southern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. A.N. Mary Adelsberger from Sierra Pacific Synod

Invitation to Extended Service:

- † Rev. Mary Carmen Padilla (UMC) at Camino de Vida – 6/30/2019
- † Rev. Alan Brown (UMC) at Solomon, Woodville – 7/18/2019
- † Rev. Scott Schnapp (Presbyterian) at St. Paul, Prospect – 10/13/2019

Synodically Authorized Ministers (SAM) Invitation to Service:

- † Deacon Jean Wise at Williams County Parish
- † David Frye – West Toledo Parish
- † Carol Pretorius at St. Peter, Delphos
- † Robin Small at St. Mark's, Bowling Green
- † Frank Raeske at Zion, Luckey
- † Tanyce Addison at Emanuel, Marion
- † Dawn David at Salem Grace, Luckey & Sonfire by the River, Pemberville
- † Ryan Cordle at St. Luke's, Lima
- † Jeannine Grimm at Trinity, Delta
- † Jim Michaels at Hope, Fostoria

Resigned/ Removed from the Roster:

- ❖ Kent Wilson
- ❖ Ron Atkins

Retirement:

- ❖ Rev. Philip Gardner

Deaths:

- † Rev. John Crilley
- † Rev. Norman Imbrock
- † Rev. Gordon Scullion
- † Rev. Earl Key
- † Rev. James Castello



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2020 Anniversaries of Ordination

25 Years:

† Rev. Kathleen F. Shuck

30 Years:

† Rev. Beth S. Huener
† Craig F. Lewis
† Pete S. Bowmer
† Ronald H. Heinz
† William P. Schultz

35 Years:

† Rev. David H. Westphal
† Rev. James C. Wenger
† Rev. Janet L. Wittenmyer
† Rev. Philip A. Gardner
† Deacon Karen A. Keckler

40 Years:

† Rev. Dana P. Bjorlin
† Rev. Dennis L. Wansitler
† Rev. James Lehman
† Rev. Richard R. Genzman
† Rev. Steven L. Nelson
† Rev. Timothy P. Philabaum

45 Years

† Rev. Charles E. Campbell
† Rev. Dennis R. King
† Rev. James W. Budke
† Rev. Stephen S. Bull

50 Years:

† Douglas R. Meyer
† Jon M. Bell
† Roger M. Giese
† Ronald J. Keller

55 Years:

† R. Rueben Drefs

60 Years:

† Rev. Arvid Harklau
† Rev. Roger G. Phillips
† Rev. Roger L. Thompson

65 Years:

† Rev. Earl A. Key
† Rev. John E. Berger



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Ordinations / Consecrations:

- ✠ Sherry Krieger – Deacon - 5/26/2018
- ✠ Adam Taylor – Pastor – 7/7/2018

Installations:

- ✠ Deacon Sherry Krieger – NWOS DLDCC – 6/8/2018
- ✠ Rev. Kent Wilson - NWOS DLCV – 6/8/2018
- ✠ Rev. Adam Taylor at First, Galion – 7/7/2018
- ✠ Rev. Meg Boger at Immanuel, Deshler – 7/15/2018
- ✠ Rev. Doug Pretorius at St. Mark's, Wapakoneta – 9/11/2018
- ✠ Rev. William Schroeder at St. Paul, Sandusky – 11/1/2018
- ✠ Rev. Kristine Schroeder at Zion, Huron – 11/1/2018
- ✠ Rev. William Stenke at Trinity, Findlay – 1/10/2019
- ✠ Rev. Tom Schaeffer at Faith United, Toledo – 2/17/2019
- ✠ Rev. Julie Parsell at Christ, Bowling Green – 2/21/2019
- ✠ Rev. Jerry Rayl at First St. John, Toledo – 3/3/2019
- ✠ Rev. Steve Smithberger at The West Toledo Parish – 3/14/2019

On Leave from Call Approved:

- ❖ Rev. Jaci Tiell
- ❖ Rev. Howard Abts
- ❖ Rev. Mandy Oleson
- ❖ Rev. Jim Wicker
- ❖ Rev. Juli Lejman-Guy
- ❖ Deacon Erin Bodenstab
- ❖ Rev. Sam Payne
- ❖ Rev. John Mawhirter
- ❖ Rev. Josh Graber
- ❖ Deacon Heather Smith
- ❖ Deacon Blaire Smith
- ❖ Rev. Brian Krause
- ❖ Rev. Rick Jensen
- ❖ Rev. Sharon Stonerock

Called/Transferred Out of the Synod:

- ❖ Rev. Tom Pairan to Northeastern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. Terry Courter to Florida/Bahama's Synod
- ❖ Rev. Josh Graber to Greater Milwaukee Synod
- ❖ Rev. Michael Wiechers to Southern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. Karin Stetins to Sierra Pacific Synod
- ❖ Rev. Joy Schroeder to Northwest/Lower Michigan Synod
- ❖ Rev. Jim Wicker to West Virginia/Western Maryland Synod



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Called/Transferred into the Synod:

- ❖ Rev. Phillip Scherr from Northwestern PA Synod
- ❖ Rev. David Westphal from Southern Ohio Synod
- ❖ Rev. Gerald Elsholz from Southeast Michigan Synod
- ❖ Rev. William Schroeder from Nebraska Synod
- ❖ Rev. Kristine Schroeder from Nebraska Synod
- ❖ Rev. William Stenke from Florida/Bahama's Synod

Invitation to Extended Service:

- † None currently

Synodically Authorized Ministers (SAM) Invitation to Service:

- † Deacon Jean Wise at Williams County Parish
- † David Frye at West Toledo Parish
- † Bruce Bair at Sonfire by the River

Resigned/ Removed from the Roster:

- ❖ None currently

Retirement:

- ❖ Rev. Ron Atkins
- ❖ Rev. Craig Scholl
- ❖ Rev. Larry Knigga
- ❖ Rev. Brenda Piper
- ❖ Deacon Patricia Haase
- ❖ Rev. Christina Young

Deaths:

- † Rev. John Mawhirter
- † Rev. Linda Zaye
- † Rev. Tammy Wood



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2019 Anniversaries of Ordination:

25 Years:

- † Rev. Brian R. Peltomaa
- † Rev. Kevin S. Maxey
- † Rev. Lisa Thogmartin Cleaver

45 Years

- † Rev. Donald W. Pletcher
- † Rev. Lance N. Franke
- † Rev. Larry R. Michaels
- † Rev. Thomas E.H. Schutt

30 Years:

- † Rev. Cheryl K. Wessel
- † Rev. Elizabeth Wright Giller
- † Rev. Thomas J. Schaeffer

50 Years:

- † Rev. John S. Ferne
- † Rev. Kurt T. Meyers

35 Years:

- † Rev. G. Renee Ahern
- † Rev. Keith A. Hunsinger
- † Rev. Robert A. Young

55 Years:

- † Rev. Ronald J. Diener
- † Rev. William L. Hutflied Jr.

40 Years:

- † Rev. Robert W. Blohm
- † Rev. Clyde B. Singh
- † Rev. Michael T. Shelley

60 Years:

- † Rev. Loren E. Hoch