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Pastor's Page

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt. 11: 28-30).

Considering Jesus' bidding to come to his rest, it is my earnest hope and prayer as your interim pastor to come to the house of worship and be part of the faith community here at Messiah Lutheran Church. We are not called to walk on our faith journey alone but to walk alongside with our sisters and brothers.

Life is full of risks and challenges for all of us. But I want to speak about the risks and challenges our young adults face in this constantly changing and restless world.

The challenges young adults face are much greater when the economic and political situation has become more and more unstable. Young adults are ill prepared for the transition from a supportive and protective home or school environment to independent living. How do they realize the rest which Jesus promises when they are confronted by: Hopelessness, Fear, Loneliness, and Des-

pair. Here, I want to highlight few things which I believe would be very helpful.

Young adults are very susceptible to the tyranny of the "Urgent" more so than anybody else. What do I mean by "the urgent?" We are often challenged by either the urgent in our lives or the important in our lives. These two things are always in opposition to each other. However, both are not equally noisy and pushy to say the least.

The urgent of "here and now, immediate gratification" forces its demand on our lives. The urgent in your life, whatever it may be, will fight and scream for your attention; to be self-sufficient, to be attractive, to be popular, to be accepted, and to be wanted.

These misguided desires lure us into the belief that we will be happier and content if only we have them at any cost with less effort. All the junk that is accumulated in our lives from our childhood to adulthood needs to be "Detoxed" like drug. How can we do that? How can especially young adults cope with the tyranny of urgent? How do we find rest in this restless world? How do we find direction in aimless world? How do we find hope amid hopelessness?

Jesus is offering a practical solution. He is calling us back to himself and helps us to see the **"Important"** for our lives.

Concerning his soul, the psalmist says: *Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation.* (Psalm 42: 5).

Remember! Jesus is calling and promising for all whose souls are weary and burdened. Jesus promises rest for the soul. Jesus is offering comfort for those who are afflicted. Jesus is offering rest. But you must come to Jesus and do what he asks you to do.

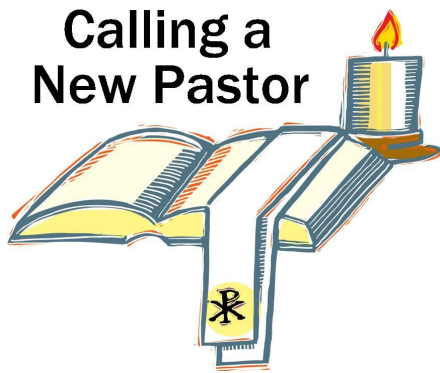
What is it Jesus asking us to do? Take up his yoke and learn from him. Why are Jesus' yoke and burden different from all other yokes and burdens I carry? The answer is that: Jesus is gentle and humble, his yoke is easy, his burden is light, and he gives rest for my soul. When our mind is set on Christ: Our priorities change, our understanding of money changes, our understanding of our world changes, the values of our friendship changes, our values of marriage changes, we find a clear direction for our lives.

Congregation Workshop

Saturday, September 24
From 9 AM—2 PM

Fellowship & a light breakfast at 8:30 AM
 (Mini muffins, yogurt cups, granola, fruit, OJ & coffee)

Lunch is included
 (Sandwich platters, small bags of chips, cookies & beverages)



Calling a New Pastor

This Congregation Workshop will be led by

The Rev. Steve Shipman
 (Dean of the Atlantic Mission Region)

and

The Rev. Dan Schaefer
 (former Dean of the Central Mission District)

Purpose:

- Input from all members re: direction of congregation for the future
- Input from all members re: new Pastor's gifts (what is most important to us?)
- Assist the Call Committee with preparation of Congregation Profile
- Inform about the unfolding of the remainder of the call process
- Congregation's opportunity to talk to the Call Committee
- Asking for guidance of the Holy Spirit as His will is revealed to us

The NALC call process is a congregation-centered, open and transparent process, and this important workshop is the **FIRST** step!

A sign up sheet is posted on the Information Board so we may get a food head count. Sign up today!

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

2022 Congregation Council

- Nicholas Adams**, *President, Christian Ed. co-chair*
Gayle Hoffman, *Vice President, Stewardship and Volunteer Resources chair*
Karen Zivic, *Secretary*
Ernestine Batdorf, *Finance Secretary*
Brenda Beegle, *Christian Ed co-chair*
Michael Ernst
Deborah Lutz, *Publicity chair*
David Machamer, *Evangelism, Personnel, and Property chair*

Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:

- Karen Fox**, *Worship & Music chair*
Karen Hatt, *Fellowship Chair*
Kathaleen Lilley, *Treasurer and Finance Chair*
Rita Savant, *Assistant Finance Secretary and Social Ministry Chair*
Nancie Whelan, *Assistant Treasurer*

Rescue Mission Food Drive

The Lebanon County Rescue Mission is sponsoring a food drive to help fill their larders.

The most needed items are

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|--------------|-------------------|
| pasta | canned vegetables |
| stuffing | peanut butter |
| rice | jelly |
| beans | juice |
| canned fruit | soup |
| canned meats | oatmeal |
| coffee | tea |
| sugar | condiments |
| cereal | creamer |

You may drop them off at the “donation door” at the Rescue Mission (1223 Bittner Blvd., Lebanon) on any Monday–Saturday, 8 AM–8 PM. Thank you! Please see the flyer on the Information Board for more details.

Food Drive



This drive is running from October 1–December 9.

Weekly Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS:

- 9 AM Living in Faith Education Hour
 10:30 AM The Holy Communion



Membership Changes

Please **amend your directory** to reflect he who joined the Church Triumphant in July:



Joe Hartman
 1935–2022

If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with Him; if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with Him.

Please remove **Dan LaRue** from your directory. He has transferred his membership.



Reminder! School is back in session. Watch for children and stopped buses!

Bowl of Blessings

On August 21 Charlotte Varone shared her blessings:



Rejoicing in thankful praise to God for my 88th baptismal birthday.

Call Committee

The Call Committee has been formed. The work of searching for our new pastor has begun. Please pray for each member of the Call Committee that they may discern the will of the Holy Spirit at work here at Messiah. As there are 7 members on the committee you could pray for one each day of the week.

Charlotte Varone (chair)

Karen Fox

Harry Hatt

Deb Lutz

Dave Machamer

Gene Martin

Sandy Smith

Intentional Prayer

Even if you are not a dedicated participant in the call process intentional prayer group, please remember the Call Committee individually or collectively in prayer.

Prayer petitions:

1. That the congregation workshop on September 24 be well attended.
2. That God will guide the committee in their tasks.
3. That the committee collectively and individually will seek God's guidance and open themselves to His will throughout the process.

Women's Conference!



Ladies! Join other women from around the Atlantic Mission Region at 9 AM on **Friday, October 21** at Annapolis ELC in Edgewater,

MD for our fourth annual October Women's Conference: ***Backpacks of Blessings***.

We will be assembling school kits for NALC Dis-

aster Response. Each congregation is being asked to bring loose components for 7 complete school kits. We will be assembling them at the conference. See page 12 for the list of what is needed per kit. We will also be hearing from Mary Bates, Disaster Response coordinator.

Please see Robin for more information or to register.

Annual Atlantic Mission Region Convocation

Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 21 & Saturday, October 22** for the annual AMR Convocation which will be held in person at Annapolis ELC (38 W. Central Ave.), Edgewater, MD. There will be an online option.

Trust in the LORD in Anxious Times is the theme for this year. We will hear from **the Rev. Dan Schaefer and Rebecca Johnson** (licensed Christian counselors) who will lead a discussion on a Christian's response to anxiety and fear. **Officer Dan Schaefer, Jr.** will lead a session on the *Church Emergency Handbook: All Hazards Emergency Management for Houses of Worship*. Each congregation in the AMR will be gifted a copy of this handbook.

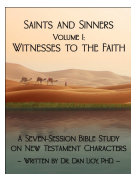
We will also hear from the **Rev. Dr. Bill White**, Assistant to the Bishop of the Eastern Area who will help explain the restructure of the NALC.

We will experience worship throughout the Convocation. There will be good food, lots of fellowship opportunities, a meeting of our Mission District, and many opportunities for discussion. And we will be Stuffing the Truck for Disaster Response (see page 11 for details).

If you are interested in attending or would like more information please see Robin or Kathy Lilley. Registration materials are available.



Upcoming Events



NEW LIVING IN FAITH STUDY

Beginning September 11

at 9 AM; led by Carey Kendall

Saints & Sinners: Witnesses to the Faith

See your bulletin for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, October 16



Lowell Smith & Pr. Britto from Independent Church in India

Special messages during LiF & worship

Special Welcome Time to follow!

Annual Altar Guild meeting

Saturday, November 5 at 9 AM

Conference Room

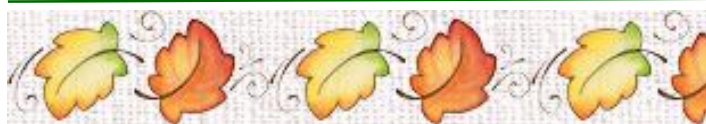
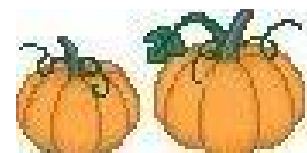


August Congregation Council Highlights

The Congregation Council met on Tuesday, August 9, 2022. They did not meet in July.

- June & July's financial reports were reviewed and accepted pending audit.
- Committee reports were given.
- Special workshop for the call of a new pastor will be held for all congregants to attend on September 24, 2022.
- Congregation meeting will be held on November 19, 2022.
- Call Committee members were approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Zivic
Congregation Council secretary



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Newsletter Deadline



The **deadline** for the November/December issue of the *Messiah Messenger* is **Friday, October 14**. This issue will cover events, meetings and schedules for the months of **November and December**. Please make sure you have all your information turned in to the office (and on the work room calendar) by this date. Thank you!



General Fund Financial Summary
January through July 2022

Income & Expenses At-A-Glance			
			Year-to-date
	Income		\$77,500.48
	Expenses		\$64,058.22
	Income Less Expenses		\$13,442.26

	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Income:	
Total Giving	\$77,500.48
Total Income	<u>\$77,500.48</u>
Ministry Plan Year-to-date	\$177,845.00
Expenses:	
Staff	\$33,107.62
Administrative	1,834.21
Maintenance	17,569.53
Committee	0.00
Additional	4,011.14
Benevolence	7,402.60
Total Expenses	<u>\$63,925.10</u>
Regular Income Less Expenses	<u>\$13,442.26</u>
Love Offering	(\$18,052.00)
Total Income Less Expenses	<u>(\$4,609.74)</u>

January through June	Regular Giving Benevolence	Additional Designated Giving	Total to Charity
NALC	\$4,690.10		\$4,690.10
Atlantic Mission Region	\$350.00		\$350.00
Mission Partners*	\$262.50		\$262.50
NALC Seminary	\$262.50		\$262.50
NALC Disaster Response	\$262.50		\$262.50
Lebanon Rescue Mission/Agape	\$262.50		\$262.50
Lebanon Free Clinic	\$262.50		\$262.50
PACC Caring Cupboard	\$262.50		\$262.50
Lutheran World Relief	\$262.50		\$262.50
ICII	\$262.50		\$262.50
City of Lebanon	\$262.50		\$262.50
Total	\$7,402.60	\$0.00	\$7,402.60

September 2022 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 4 Charlotte Varone
- 11 Ernestine Batdorf
- 18 Deborah Lutz
- 25 Nancie Whelan



Lector

- 4 Carey Kendall
- 11 Ernestine Batdorf
- 18 Deborah Lutz
- 25 Nancie Whelan



Greeters

- 4 **NEEDED**
- 11 **NEEDED**
- 18 **NEEDED**
- 25 **NEEDED**



Finance Steward
David Machamer

Head Ushers
Harry & Karen Hatt



Altar Guild

- Carey Kendall, chair
- Nancie Whelan



Crucifer

- 4 Eugene Martin
- 11 Andrew Surmacz
- 18 Mary Whelan
- 25 Kathaleen Lilley




Acolyte

- 4 Karen Zivic
- 11 Ernestine Batdorf
- 18 Deborah Lutz
- 25 Nancie Whelan



WELCOME TIME Sponsors

 (Welcome Time is held the first Sunday of the month after worship.)

September 4—Gayle Hoffman & Karen Zivic



October 2022 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 2 Kathaleen Lilley
- 9 Sandra Smith
- 16 Eugene Martin
- 23 Charlotte Varone
- 30 Ernestine Batdorf



Altar Guild

- Deborah Lutz, chair
- Rosanne Lutz
- Eileen Lutz
- Nancie Whelan



Lector

- 2 Kathaleen Lilley
- 9 Sandra Smith
- 16 Eugene Martin
- 23 Charlotte Varone
- 30 Ernestine Batdorf



Crucifer

- 2 Sandra Smith
- 9 Gayle Hoffman
- 16 Mary Whelan
- 23 Andrew Surmacz
- 30 Eugene Martin



Greeters

- 2 **NEEDED**
- 9 **NEEDED**
- 16 **NEEDED**
- 23 **NEEDED**
- 30 **NEEDED**



Acolyte

- 2 Harry Hatt
- 9 Karen Hatt
- 16 Karen Zivic
- 23 Harry Hatt
- 30 Ernestine Batdorf



Finance Steward

Karen Zivic

Head Usher
Nancie Whelan



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October 2 – Social Ministry Committee



Ministry Plan Report for June & July

(Budgeted need per week: \$3,364.92)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
6/5	\$4,024.00	15 LiF / 37 +
6/12	\$1,341.00	13 LiF / 29 +
*6/19	\$1,996.00	15 LiF / 37 +
6/26	\$1,213.00	14 LiF / 37 +
7/3	\$2,941.00	13 LiF / 28 +
*7/10	\$2,922.01	12 LiF / 34 +
7/17	\$2,008.00	14 LiF / 36 +
7/24	\$1,926.00	14 LiF / 34 +
7/31	\$2,923.00	No LiF / 35 +



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

NOTE: "+" denotes Worship
 "LiF" denotes Living in Faith Education Hour
 * denotes A Cappella Sunday

September Birthdays

- 1 Anita Keisch
- 6 Daryl Artz
Emily Trovinger
- 9 Louise Scaramuzzino
- 13 Corey Hartman
- 18 Robert Bowman, Jr.
- 19 Lori Wert
- 21 Nancie Whelan
- 22 Elizabeth Brightbill
- 27 Gordon Ebright
Rosanne Lutz



October Birthdays

- 3 Richard Miller
- 4 Thomas Gassert
- 6 Mikey Adams
- 7 Linda Field
Andrew Trovinger
- 12 Michael Anspach
- 14 Keeley Hartman
- 18 Pam Knouff
- 25 Andrew Surmacz
- 27 Richard Gehret
- 30 Rick Knouff



September Anniversaries

- 5 Harry & Karen Fox
- 6 Randy & Debra Miller
- 17 Michael & Sherri Blouch
- 24 Andrew & Erin Trovinger



October Anniversaries

- 8 Pastor James & Ruth DeLong
- 10 Shawn & Kelly Roof
- 12 Kevin & Sandra Smith
- 23 Daniel & Susan Galbraith
- 26 Andrew & Jill Hartman
Clyde & Gail Peters



Annual Congregation Meeting



Reminder: The **annual congregation meeting** will be held in person on **Saturday, November 19 at 2 PM.** There will be a Spaghetti Miracle before the meeting at 12 PM.

At this meeting we will be

electing new Congregation Council members for 2023, going over the proposed Ministry Plan for 2023, and discussing other church business.

Active (voting) membership is defined by our Constitution as making **four Communion of record** (completing the

Communion record card when you receive Holy Communion) and **one contribution of record** to Messiah (use your envelopes when making your offering at Messiah) in the current calendar year.



Spaghetti Miracle

If health conditions allow, on **Saturday, November 19** the Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a Spaghetti Miracle at 12 PM (before the annual Congregation Meeting).

Attendees will be asked to bring a box of pasta and a jar

of sauce with them to the meal as the price of admission. A meal of spaghetti, salad, and dessert will be held. A sign up sheet will be posted in November on which you may sign up to bring a salad or dessert.

So come on out and enjoy some good food and fellowship with your church family before we get to business. Please contact Karen Hatt if you have any questions.



Christmas Cookies Needed!



If health conditions allow, the Fellowship Committee will be seeking bakers from the congregation to make Christmas cookies for our fellow members. These cookies will be distributed during the Advent season.

We are asking for volunteers to **bake one kind of cookie.** The recipients will then receive a nice variety of cookies instead of 2-3 versions of the same kind of cookie. A sign up sheet will be posted so you may indicate what type of cookie you will be baking.

Please bring your cookies (already bagged— 3-4 large cookies per bag or 5-6 smaller cookies per bag) to the church **by Saturday, Novem-**

ber 19 at 10 AM. They will be packed in containers at that time.

If you would like to help bake and/or pack the cookie containers please sign up on the sheet that will be posted on the Information Board in October. Watch your bulletin and the November/December newsletter for information on when we will be delivering the cookie containers.

Thanks in advance for your help! If you have any questions please contact Karen Hatt.



For Your Information

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Take a minute to tell Pastor Abera “thank you” for his service to Our Lord and this congregation.



**FOOD
COLLECTION
SUNDAYS**

**September 4
October 2**



All to the Rescue Mission



School Supply Donation Tally:



Thank you to all who donated to the school drive for Pastor Angel’s congregation this past August. We collected:

- 7 backpacks
- 26 spiral notebooks
- 10 packs of pencils
- 2 packs of colored pencils
- 10 pencil sharpeners
- 1 pack erasers
- 19 packs of crayons
- 5 packs of scissors
- 8 packs of pens
- 6 rulers
- 22 glue sticks
- 2 bottles of glue
- 2 packs of markers

Pastor Abera will be out of the country from October 6—November 4. There will be worship leader coverage for all 4 Sundays Pastor is away. Pr. Bennett Harris will be on call for any pastoral emergency. He can be reached at 717-639-4642.

By action of the Congregation Council beginning September 4 **all COVID protocols will be lifted.**

- Offering plates will be passed
- Spacing restrictions will be lifted
- Sharing of the peace may now include handshakes and hugs
- Common cup will be reinstated

Help Stuff the Truck for NALC Disaster Response

Disasters happen all the time, and Disaster Response is there to help. But, they need YOUR help to fill their warehouses with needed supplies.

The Atlantic Mission Region is sponsoring a Stuff the Truck event at their annual regional Convocation on **Friday, October 21** at Annapolis ELC in Edgewater, MD.

On the next page is a comprehensive list of all the things on their needs list, from **flood buckets and school kits to health kits and gift cards.** Miscellaneous items such as diapers, rakes, mops, etc. are also welcome.

Any and all **Bibles and prayer books** are also welcome. They may be large print, in Spanish, children’s or teen’s, used or new.

Please consider donating any of the items on the wish list and bring them to Messiah. Please place them by the oak table in the narthex. They will be taken to Annapolis and put on the truck. If you want to donate a gift card please place it on Robin’s desk and she will make sure it does not get lost.

Deadline for donations is Sunday, October 16.



Disaster Response

KIT PACKING LIST

UPDATED JUNE 2022

Bibles

- o new or used (highlighted & underlined text is acceptable)
- o child or teen, and Bible stories
- o Spanish, or any language
- o large print
- o prayer books

We encourage you to write messages of hope in the front pages of donated Bibles

Flood Bucket

- o 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- o 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- o 2 large trash bags
- o 1 roll paper towels
- o Comet or scouring cleanser
- o Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- o scrub brush
- o gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
 - rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type)
 - leather
 - cotton

Health Care Kit

(Pack in 2-gallon Ziplock or tote bag)

- o 1 bath towel
- o 1 wash cloth (optional)
- o 1 shampoo (2 if travel size)
- o 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size)
- o 1 toothbrush
- o 1 pack of floss (optional)
- o 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- o 1 comb
- o 1 deodorant
- o 1 nail clippers (optional)

Quilts and Blankets

- o any size including baby
- o any fabric including religious, patriotic/military theme, seasonal

School Kit – Elementary

- o 1 backpack or duffel bag
- o 4 notebooks
- o 4 pocket folders
- o 1 blunt scissors
- o 1 ruler
- o 1 pencil sharpener
- o 4 pencils
- o 2 pens
- o 1 eraser
- o 1 box of crayons, colored pencils or markers

School Kit – High School

- o 1 backpack or duffel bag
- o 4 notebooks
- o 4 pocket folders
- o 4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener & 1 eraser
-or- 4 mechanical pencils
- o 4 pens

Miscellaneous (pack like items together)

- o masks (bundle/pack each type separately)
 - painting
 - sanding
 - N95
- o disposable diapers, baby or adult in assorted sizes
- o feminine hygiene items
- o any school supply can be donated in bulk quantities.
- o mops, brooms & dustpans
- o leaf and garden rakes, flat bottom shovels, spades etc.

Gift Cards*

- o Home Depot
- o Lowes
- o Walmart

****Write the date purchased on all cards***

HOW TO PACK YOUR DISASTER KITS:

- Please send **COMPLETE** kits as outlined here. Incomplete kits that we receive must be completed before they can be distributed.
- Pack them, in **STURDY, WELL-TAPED** boxes (not too large).
- Label contents and quantity in **LARGE BLOCK LETTERS** and place labels on at least one end and one side of the box so the contents will be visible regardless of how box is stacked.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box with a label that says: "A GIFT FROM [name & address of your church or group]"

Financial donations designated for NALC Disaster Response should be made payable* and mailed to:

**North American Lutheran Church
PO BOX 860565
Minneapolis, MN 55486-0565**

***Indicate "NALC Disaster Response" on the memo line of your check**

For more information, please email Mary Bates, disasterresponse@thenalc.org or visit thenalc.org/nalc-disaster-response/

"Serve one another humbly in love"
GALATIANS 5:13b

Highlights from the 2022 NALC Convocation

Hosted by the North American Lutheran Seminary

August 5, 2022

The 2022 Mission Convocation has ended after more than 400 delegates and visitors gathered online to celebrate another year of ministry and mission in the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).

The biggest highlight came this year in the form of the 2022 NALC Ministry Report video, which celebrated the growth of the NALC in a little over a decade, while also reporting on its work in the past year and sharing where it is headed in the next season. The full video, located online, touched on:

- Congregations and pastors which have recently joined the NALC;
- New mission starts as well as local, domestic, and global mission strategies;
- Newly appointed area assistants to the bishop and progress on the centralized office in the Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas area;
- The growing North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS) network of schools, faculty transitions, and a special call for congregations to raise up new ministry leaders;
- Expanding candidacy pathways, including the initiation of the NALC diaconate and “Ordination Under Special Circumstances” (OUSC), as well as pastoral care opportunities in small congregations;
- “Fresh Eyes for Mission” renewal summits, Renewal and Aging Ministry online courses, and NALC Life-to-Life Discipleship resources;
- Youth and Family Ministry transitions;
- Ongoing Disaster Response efforts;
- Continued Communication Ministry growth in mission districts;
- Launch of the Today, Tomorrow & Forever initiative;
- And snapshots of many other NALC ministries.

The NALC officially launched the Today, Tomorrow & Forever initiative of its 2020 Vision. This is the financial component to the NALC strategic plan that will provide the resources needed to turn this God-given Vision into a reality. Through this initiative, the NALC is asking pastors, congregations, mission districts, and individuals throughout the church to step out in faith and to help it to raise \$5 million above and beyond what it is already expecting to receive through regular giving over the next three years. This increased level of funding will not only strengthen the financial foundation of the church but will also enable a number of ministry and mission commitments we are making.

Elections: Mr. Jerry Roehr of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and the Rev. Theresa Jacobson of Thornville, Ohio, were elected to three-year terms on the Executive Council. The Rev. Dr. George Black of Foresthill, California, and the Rev. Ronald Hoyum of Poulsbo, Washington, were elected to three-year terms on the Court of Adjudication. Mrs. Lynnae Douglas of Export, Pennsylvania, the Rev. Dr. Stephane M. Kalonji of Rosenberg, Texas, and Mr. Richard Jansak of Hendersonville, North Carolina, were elected to five-year terms on the Executive Council.

A devotion on the Mission Convocation theme, “A Great Cloud of Witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1-3) was delivered by Dr. David Luy, the new Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the NALS. Dr. Luy’s devotion highlighted the radical path to faithfulness, a call to endurance and perseverance, and a witness that points beyond what we see to what is real.

The 2023 budget was approved. The Mission Convocation approved a \$3.56 million budget for the ministry of the NALC. The 2023 unified budget combines the operating budget with the budgets of the church’s designated funds – the Theological Education Fund (which includes the North American Lutheran Seminary), Great Commission Fund and Disaster Response Fund.

Per the NALC Constitution, the Executive Council also gave a report for the past year.

Documents, photos and videos from the 2022 Mission Convocation will be posted online at thenalc.org.