



THE MESSENGER

Vermont Lutheran Church's Mission Statement:

Christians **A**ctively **R**eaching Out **E**xperiencing Christ and **S**spreading His Word

From Pastor Barry's Desk . . .

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There are three words that I believe are the strongest words in any language. The most powerful word far and above all other is Love. My favorite, most powerful word, as you probably know, is *Peace*. But coming in close behind is the word, *Hope*.

I say that these are the three most powerful words because they alone can do powerful, powerful things. These words can change world history; these words can turn people's lives around. These words can work to save all humankind. If you don't believe me, try them out some time and see how they can be magical words... Tell someone you love them. Tell someone that you wish them peace. Tell someone that you pray that they might have hope. See what transitions you can bring about just using these simple words.



Webster's Dictionary defines the word **Hope** as: *to cherish; a desire with anticipation; to trust; to desire with expectation of obtainment or fulfillment; to expect with confidence.*

Hope is our main word for Advent. Mixed with feelings of anticipation and excited anxiousness, we have hope in the coming of our Lord to set the world right and to claim rightful kingship over all that we have done such a good job messing up. Few people are happy or content these days, and we are so quick to fight with one another over some pretty petty things. Hope is the feeling that despite our inadequacies and our shortfalls, there is One in charge who can and will set things right. And we are waiting for that Messiah to come again.

We can each name the ills we see in the world – there certainly are plenty in numbers to go around – and we are all too eager to point out that life just isn't perfect. We wait (with hope) for the day when God will hear us when we pray, *"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on*

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earth as it is in heaven."

For now, though, we continue to wait. As I mentioned recently in a sermon, we do not wait passively; we are at work trying to accomplish God's will; we do our best at loving our neighbors; we try our hardest to spread love and joy...

But still, we wait. Waiting is hard! We're not a patient lot, by and large. We tend to get antsy when we're filled with hope – knowing that something better is coming, and gosh-darned-it, what is taking it so long?? Sigh...

So we wait. We wait for God's time. We wait for things to be accomplished that need to be accomplished. We keep ourselves busy trying to do what is right. But still, we wait.

As we wait (impatiently) for God's plan to be fulfilled. But as we wait, realize that we wait with hope. We have hope in the new life that is to come. We have hope in having God reign on earth. We have hope that all of our fighting will come to an end.

And, as we wait together in hope, let us do a little something to make someone else's life a little better, a little easier. Or after all, we are the people of God!



Highlights

John & Jamie Hallick

Thomas & Karen Hefty

Children: Amanda & Kimberly

Rich & Carol Johnson

Autumn Patrick & Nathan McGree

Wedding at Vermont: December 3, 2019

Samantha Sweet & Curt Meier

Wedding at Vermont: TBD

Jen Harms & Mike Syrjamaki

Wedding at Vermont: October 10, 2020



GIVING TUESDAY

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world on December 3, 2019 and every day.

It was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven years, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

One of the best ways to get involved is in your own community. We've created a directory to help you find organizations, events, and ways to give back in your own community.

Vermont Lutheran Church

<https://www.vermontlutheran.org/>

ELCA Good Gifts

<https://goodgifts.elca.org/>

Today only! All gifts matched, one for one

Carbone Cancer Center

<https://www.uwhealth.org/uw-carbone-cancer-center/ways-to-give/27367> American Red Cross

American Red Cross

<https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.html>

Salvation Army

<https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/ways-to-give/>

UW Children's Hospital

<https://www.uwhealthkids.org/get-involved/in-kind-donations/35459>

VA Homeless Vets

<https://www.madison.va.gov/giving/>

DreamBikes

<https://dream-bikes.org/>

Porchlight

<https://porchlightinc.org/donate/>

Heights Unlimited Food Pantry

<https://www.heightsunlimited.net/donations>

Mazomanie Community Food Pantry - Christians in Action

109 W Hudson St, Mazomanie, WI 53560

Sugar Creek Bible Camp

<http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/>

Lutheran World Relief

<https://lwr.org/>

Wartburg Seminary

<https://www.wartburgseminary.edu/>

or give the gift to of God by inviting someone to Vermont Lutheran Church over the holiday season.

Do you still have shopping to do? When you shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0957466, AmazonSmile donates to Vermont Lutheran Church at no cost to you!

NEWS



Invite someone to Vermont Lutheran Church

Invite a neighbor, coworker, friend, or family member.

When you grab lunch at a drive-through restaurant, give the person who takes your order an invitation. Make a new commitment to invite people every week.

Make a checklist of people you often encounter: grocery clerk, boss, teacher, physical therapist, friend, yard guy, nail tech, relative, hair stylist, food server, dentist, mail carrier, employee, neighbor, etc.

Walk your dog. Jog. Stroll. You'll meet lots of people you can invite to your church.

The simple act of inviting friends and acquaintances to your church can impact eternity.

According to Dr. Thom Rainer, 82 percent of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited. This means it is highly probable that they will accept your invitation.

"Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). The 'word of Christ' is the gospel and the gospel will surely be preached during the Christmas Season!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Breakfast Social

Wednesday, December 11th

We would like to invite all members to meet for breakfast.

When: On the second Wednesday of every month at 8:30AM

Where: Base Camp in Mazomanie



Youth Group to the Arcade

Wednesday, December 11th

You can invite one guest to the event.

When: On the second Wednesday of every month. Meet at the church at 6:00PM.

Where: Geek's Mania—Cost \$7 member, \$15 guest

Bible Study Group

Wednesday, December 18th

Who: We welcome newcomers and drop-ins. You are a drop-in if you want to come once in a while or are curious about one of the sessions.

What: *Wait, Watch and Create*— taken from the Gather Magazine. Bible Study materials can be found in the narthex on the table under the big bulletin board

When: 3rd Wednesday of every month (except January) at 9:30am in the Gathering Place.

Where: The Copies of the Bible study will be available in the narthex. We had a good discussion at our first meeting in September and look for more of you to join us. The study is taken from the Gather Magazine. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Barry, Klover Schafer or Marlene Ludolph.



**Sunday, December 8th at 6:30pm
in the Gathering Place.**

Want to know the truth about climate change? Bob Lindmeier, Chief Meteorologist at WKOW-TV, will use his many years of experience as a scientist who has closely followed the problem of climate change to present information on the following: causes of global warming; impacts of global warming in Wisconsin and in the U.S.; consensus in the scientific community; what is

needed to create positive change; and, taking responsibility for our actions. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. Vermont Church is located midway between Black Earth and Mount Horeb, at 9886 Vermont Church Road, ½ mile west of highway 78 and is handicapped accessible.

Holiday Schedule

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Saturday, December 7th	9:00 am	Tree Decorating
Sunday, December 15th	9:30am	Christmas Concert
Wednesday, December 18th	5:30pm	Blue Christmas Service
	6:00pm	Weather Date, if Christmas Concert cancelled

The Christmas season isn't jolly and merry for everyone. Some of us struggle with depression, some struggle with losses in their lives, and some just find life to be hard. And singing gay songs of joy just isn't realistic for some people who don't feel the joy of the season in their hearts.

There will be a time of healing and a reminder that Jesus came especially for those who are suffering and the oppressed. We will still hear the good news that Christ was born that we might live, but we will do so in a respectful and quieter fashion.

If you find yourself to be someone who has a difficulty being merry and jolly in this season of goodwill, this service is for you. Or, if you know of someone who is not fully able to partake in the joy that is celebrated by others, please let them know that this is for them.

Tuesday, December 24th	4:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 31st	7:00pm	New Year's Eve Silent Communion Service

New Year's Eve is a time for saying good-bye to the old year and to ring in the new. How do you bid farewell to the year gone by? Do you take time to ready yourself for a brand new year and another go around the sun? It's almost as though we get another new chance at being all that we can be. It's as if God gives us another "do-over" and a fresh, clean start on life again. I would like to invite you to a special time to take this new year on purposefully, respectfully, and intentionally.

Vermont Lutheran will be open for anyone to come in to take a moment to quietly contemplate the old year passing, and to prepare themselves for the new year just beginning. Come for 5 minutes or stay for the entire hour. Reading material will be available for things to think about, and Holy Communion will be available at the altar when you are ready and if you should desire a blessing. The building will be silent except for some quiet meditative music and the lights will be dimmed.

Please know that you are welcome to join in this meditative experience.

WELCA News

DECEMBER ALTAR DUTY

Joan Haugen & Kris Antonie

December Holiday Get-Together. Vermont WELCA will be making Christmas baskets for our parishioners on Monday, December 9, starting at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. A pot-luck luncheon around 11:00 am and then a short WELCA quarterly meeting will follow this time. Our December meeting will set the new budget for 2020.

Christmas Baskets: Christmas baskets are usually sent out to our parishioners in nursing homes and those with in-home care or an illness. It's a great way for our church to reach out. We are in need of cheese sticks, crackers, cookies, hard candies, and fruit (bananas, Halos). Please contact Marlene Ludolph at 608-370-8148, if you can come and help on December 9, to donate food, or deliver the baskets. Thank you so much.





December 1

Promise of the Messiah

Jeremiah 33:14-18
Mark 8:27-29

December 8

Isaiah of the Exile

Isaiah 40:1-11
Mark 1:1-4

December 15

Rebuilding the Temple

Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13
Luke 2:25-32

December 22

Zechariah's Song

Luke 1:5-13, 57-80
Psalm 113

December 24

Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-14
Psalm 146:5-10

December 25

Shepherds Visit

Mark 2:8-20
Psalm 108:1-4

December 29

Beginning of Good News

Mark 1:1-20
Psalm 91:9-12

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Luke	Herrling	December 01
Hailey	Strcich	December 03
Nora	Collins	December 04
Ron	Boehnen	December 05
James	Festge	December 05
Micah	Hanson	December 07
Brandtly	Parrell	December 07
Aaron	Tigert	December 07
Rita	Tigert	December 07
Paul	Ohlrogge	December 08
Linda	Page	December 08
Michelle	Festge	December 10
William	Hanson	December 10
Ingerid	Kvam	December 11
Molly	Parrell	December 12
Jenna	Endres	December 13
Jackson	Meigs	December 13
Brooke	Statz	December 13
Trygve	Skalet	December 15
Amy	Schlimgen	December 17
Ethan	Myers	December 18
John Paul	Aeschlimann	December 19
Joel	Myers	December 20
Virginia	Johnson	December 21
Dennis	Schafer	December 21
Drew	Schlimgen	December 24
Michael	Page	December 28
Erika	Forseth	December 29
Lucas	Danz	December 30
Brogan	Page	December 31



VERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH Council Minutes

November 20,2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by President Paul Dybdahl

Attendance: Steve Holzheuter, Paul Dybdahl, Carol Johnson, Peter Antonie, Ellie Boebel, Klover Schafer, Larry Ziemer, Pastor Barry

Devotions: Pastor Barry led us in devotions by showing us a glass in it's many configurations of partial fullness. The most common being ½ full or ½ empty. Even in our Church we may view the glass in any of these numerous options. "The Point" is keeping in mind that however we may view it, God's presence always allows the glass to be refillable!

Pastor's Report: Approved online

Secretary's Report: Approved online

Treasurer's Report: Approved online. Steve expanded on the report. As of October 31st our financial condition looked better than it has at the same time in previous years. 2019 income thru Oct. 31 was \$107K compared to last year's \$82K. Our contributions vs operating expenses on Oct 31st in 2018 was at - \$34K compared to -\$12K in 2019. Thank You to all for your gracious financial stewardship! Folks, we are in a GREAT position to finish the year in positive financial shape! Last year we had to extend a special year end financial appeal. Our desire is that we do not have to repeat that process again. Through sincere and faithful commitment of all members this should be able to be avoided! It is with continued generosity and gratitude that we also look forward to once again being able to fulfill our commitment to Missions at Vermont!
Lutefisk Dinner gross income was approx. \$19K this year with expenses approx. \$9K.

Vision and Mission

Participation: 9 new members were welcomed into the Vermont Family on Nov 17th. Along with celebrating these new members a suggestion was made that we could perhaps plan a future Legacy Family Event. This would allow us to show appreciation to some of the heritage families of Vermont that have lent so much of their lives to our Church.

Visibility: Carol J reported that two signs that would attach to our Highway 78 Church sign announcing the time of our Service and Sunday School, would cost \$150 for both from Dew Signs. Approval was given to go ahead with this addition. The Cabin Fever Reliever schedule is set for the second Sunday Evening of each month. This would be for Dec 2019 and through March of 2020.

Youth: It was noted that there was a robust number of children participating in the Children's Time during the Nov 17th Service.

The annual Hunter's Meeting was held Nov 16th in The Gathering Place with around 50 attendees. Their efforts raised \$420 for use by the Youth Group of Vermont.

Old Business:

Legacy Fund: Growth continues strong for this Fund as the long term needs of the Church are considered. A special note of thanks will be forwarded to Avis Fischer who has graciously contributed to the Fund from long distance.

New Business:

2020 Council Member Nominations are still being sought. With possibly two positions that will need to be filled, don't be shy to volunteer or accept a request to join the Vermont Council.

2020 Spending Plan: Steve recommended that we finalize this in late December with hopes that we will have a clearer picture by then of putting a Spending Plan together for 2020.

Administrative Assistant Liz provided a list of specific designated Mission Funds collected throughout the year to be disbursed to the named organizations. The years sales of soup, so generously donated by Richard and Carol Johnson totaled \$420.

At 7:20 PM Peter made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Carol, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

We closed with The Lord's Prayer

Next meeting December 18, 2019, 6 PM

Submitted by Larry Ziemer, Secretary



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Financials: Year to Date November 2019

Operating Contributions:	\$	117,948.39
Total Operating Expenses:	\$	129,186.50
Difference:	- \$	11,238.11

Attendance Matters

November 2019

3rd	55
10th	69
17th	80
24th	47

Church Council Meeting September 19, 2019

Pastor's Report

Baptisms: 0 Weddings: 1; Non-members Ryan & Taylor Klein (Lancaster)
Shut-In Visits: 9 Hospital Visits: 2
Funerals: 0
West Dane Text Study: 4; Area Narrative Study Group: 1; Mt. Horeb Ecumenical Clergy: 1
Nursing Home Worship: 0 at Milestone in Cross Plains; 1 at Heartland Village

It must be fall again; the pace has picked up once again and a flurry of activities are in the air. Sorry, maybe I shouldn't say *flurry* at this time of year...

The Lutefisk Dinner was amazing! I know that it is a *lot* of work, but I love seeing all of our members (and some others who lend their valued support) working together and having fun! Tradition is such a word full of meanings and feelings, and beside the sense of joy that we receive from feeding so many people and making them happy, the feeling of fulfilling a tradition that has such strong roots in our congregation is so gratifying and brings with it a sense of fulfilling a purpose passed down through the ages. Thank you to all who helped make this year's dinner a success once again!

At the beginning of November, I attended a second meeting for this year's Synod Assembly. Because of some changes in the fiscal year and some spending problems, our Synod's budget for 2020 was not set to be approved at the earlier meeting in May, so a second meeting was called to pass the budget proposal (it passed unanimously). Also, the Synod had wanted to gather to outline a proposed plan for electing a new bishop for our synod since Bishop Vivian was asked to leave. I sent out an outline for this procedure that was approved by the representatives gathered at this November meeting. It is quite different from our last models of bishop's elections, but with a note that so far, 4 out of 6 bishops for our synod left office before their terms were up said that we might take a different approach to how things had been done in the past.

These last weeks I delivered gratuity bags to our shut-ins on behalf of the Vermont Sunday School, and they were most gladly received! Our seniors are so grateful that they continue on in our thoughts and prayers!

On October 27th, we confirmed 4 students through the Rite of Confirmation: Sam King, Derek Adler, Samantha Herrling, and Cara Boebel; I believe that these new Confirmed Members will be an asset to our congregation and the whole family of God.

Last Sunday, we recognized and welcomes into membership several new members: John & Jamie Hallick, Tom & Karen Hefty and children Amanda and Kimberly, Rich & Carol Johnson, Autumn Patrick & Nathan McGree, Samantha Sweet & Curt Meier, Jen Harms and Mike Syrjamaki, and Wade & Laura Winchip. Welcome to these new members, our presence is made louder and stronger in the eyes and service of our Lord because of you!

This next Sunday I will be leading an Ecumenical Worship Service of Thanksgiving in Mt. Horeb at ELC Lutheran at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

Pastor Barry

Synod News

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

NEXUS

where God's call meets your life

Calling all high school students!
Dig deep into Christian theology
Immerse in Christian community
Discern God's call on your life

Apply for The NEXUS Institute!
NEXUS is a free, week-long, on-campus experience for high school students in grades 10-12 that will change your life. Come live in the residence halls, explore the city of Des Moines, and make new friends from around the country who are passionate about learning and living for Jesus, just like you!

JESUS
OLD, NEW, & NOW
This Summer's Theme
Jesus: Old, New, & Now
Together we will dig deep into the Old and New Testaments to see the gospel at work. We will explore ways to live out the gospel now and dream for the future.

www.nexusgv.org

**NEXUS – High School Summertime Youth Experience –
June 28 – July 23, 2020 or July 12-17, 2020**

Dig deep into Christian theology
Immerse in Christian Community
Discern God's call on your life

Summer's 2020 Theme is Hope Over Fear

Apply for the NEXUS Institute!

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To register and for more information: <https://www.nexusgv.org/>



Sugar Creek Bible Camp is a Camping Ministry that has served many of our youth and adults in the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. Sugar Creek has many retreat opportunities. We know that camping experiences have formed faith and changed lives. Don't miss all these wonderful opportunities at this beautiful camp in Ferryville. Here's a sample of what youth can experience at a Youth Retreat. Check out their website for a full listing of dates in 2020. www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

Sample Elementary Youth Retreat Schedule

SATURDAY

1pm Registration, wagon rides, small group games

2:00 Get-to-know-ya'-games and Orientation

2:30 Bible Encounter – cabin groups

3:15 **THE BIG GAME!**

5:30 Supper – Cook-out

6:30 Campfire Worship with S'mores to follow

7:15 Night Life! Gaga ball, Sardines, Sandman

10:00 Cabin Devotions- Hi/lows

SUNDAY

7:15 Wake-up

7:45 First Word

8:00 Breakfast

8:45 Clean up

9:00 Bible Encounter- cabin groups

9:45 Pumpkin carving/painting

11:05 Clean-up/pack

11:15 Worship

12:00 LUNCH – farewell games

1pm Depart in Peace!

*schedule varies by retreat-
HS and MS retreats are Friday-Sunday

For further information about retreats or Summer Camp at Sugar Creek, visit our website:
www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org



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2020

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GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Chicks	WHG0106	\$10		
Rooster	WHG0133	\$15		
Family farm	WHG0107	\$715		
Goat	WHG0102	\$50		
Goat + flock of chicks	WHG0154	\$60		
Couple of goats	WHG0147	\$100		
Herd of goats	WHG0155	\$300		
Piglet	WHG0099	\$30		
Piglet + manure	WHG0151	\$50		
Cow	WHG0097	\$500		
Share of a cow	WHG0098	\$50		
Fish farm	WHG0101	\$250		
Share of a fish farm	WHG0152	\$50		
Honeybees	WHG0100	\$20		
Honeybees + vegetable garden	WHG0153	\$220		
God's Global Barnyard	WHG0051	any \$ amount		
WATER	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Simple water well	WHG0108	\$2,500		
Share of a safe water project	WHG0109	\$250		
Water filter	IDG0099	\$30		
Irrigation project	WHG0111	\$100		
Latrine	WHG0134	\$150		
WOMEN AND CHILDREN	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Farmers' field school for a woman	WHG0148	\$75		
Microloan for a woman	WHG0119	\$125		
School fees and uniform for a girl	WHG0121	\$40		
School supplies for a child	WHG0122	\$10		
School supplies for a classroom	WHG0123	\$300		
Solar-powered lantern	WHG0149	\$30		
AGRICULTURE	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Fruit-tree seedling	WHG0124	\$10		
Fruit-tree farm	WHG0125	\$150		
Manure	WHG0156	\$20		
Community vegetable garden	WHG0126	\$200		
Seeds and gardening tools	WHG0157	\$50		

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Credit card number _____

Three- or four-digit security code _____ Expiration date (mm/yy) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

DETACH AND ENCLOSE IN PROVIDED ENVELOPE

HEALTH CARE	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Mosquito net	WHG0138	\$10		
Mosquito nets for a small village	WHG0139	\$250		
Stock a health clinic for a week	WHG0118	\$75		
Clinic visit for a child	WHG0114	\$10		
Nutrition for a child: one month	WHG0116	\$25		
Nutrition for a child: one year	WHG0117	\$300		
Vaccinations for a child	WHG0113	\$30		
INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCIES	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Feed a refugee family: one week	IDG0081	\$50		
Feed a refugee family: one month	IDG0082	\$200		
Blanket	IDG0093	\$10		
GROW THE CHURCH	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Bible	GCS1001	\$12		
Sunday school start-up kit	GCS1003	\$65		
Motorbike for a pastor	GCS1002	\$375		
LEADERS AND CHANGE-MAKERS	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Scholarship support for an int'l woman leader	GCS5001	\$100		
One week of tuition for one seminary course	E270134B	\$150		
One semester of tuition for one seminary course	E270134C	\$2,250		
Vocational training	WHG0158	\$75		
HELP AT HOME	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Stock a backpack with food	WHG0129	\$10		
Month of necessities for a disaster survivor	DDG0080	\$200		
Feed 10 at a soup kitchen	WHG0130	\$20		
Feed 50 at a soup kitchen	WHG0131	\$100		
GIVE WHERE NEEDED MOST	MCG0053	any \$ amount		

TOTAL

RS19

☐ Please check here if you would like a card for each of your gifts delivered to your home. Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

Your donation will be used where needed most within the wider category of each gift you've selected. (For example, a gift of vaccinations may be used to support other health care initiatives.) This allows our church to stay adaptive, flexible and effective in the work that we do. Because we seek to honor your generosity and keep administrative costs low, we do not track individual financial gifts to specific families or locations in the U.S. or abroad.

Lutheran World Relief

Give where needs are greatest

A drought. An earthquake. A war. A food crisis. We can't always predict need in the world. But we can be prepared to act quickly.

Your gift will be used to respond to the greatest needs in some of the world's most vulnerable communities.



When a disaster hits – whether it's a drought, tsunami or civil war – Lutheran World Relief works alongside communities over months and years to help them recover and adjust to new realities, ensuring that they are prepared to withstand the next unexpected challenge.

Regardless of whether those challenges are chronic or acute, Lutheran World Relief invests in communities to enable those living in extreme poverty to build the resilience they need to thrive.

Lutheran World Relief was founded in 1945 in response to a global emergency: the massive displacement of people across Europe resulting from the violence of World War II. Our portfolio soon expanded, both geographically as we began programs in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and programmatically, focusing much of our work on sustainable development. But emergency response remains a calling card for Lutheran World Relief.

We're breaking the cycle of poverty for lasting change.

Call or email

PRAYER

REQUEST to

Jan Cowan - 767-4616 - jancowan@tds.net
Kay Rettenmund - 767-2328 - rett@tds.net.

It is our time to build a legacy

Become a member of the Legacy Fund. Members of the Legacy Fund come from all walks of life and are united by a desire to preserve our beautiful Church and Cemetery.

Vermont Lutheran Church owns and maintains a cemetery, historic church building and Gathering Place with a hilltop viewscape. Christian stewardship involves the faithful management of all the gifts God has given us, including accumulated, inherited and appreciated resources. Therefore, we created the Legacy Fund to encourage, receive and administer these gifts.

Our goal is to generate a Legacy Fund of \$1 Million dollars, or more.

Through receipt of bequests, grants and/or gifts, contributions to the Legacy Fund and investment growth will serve two very important purposes now and into the future:

- To purchase neighboring land for expansion of the cemetery; and/or
- Provide funds for future maintenance of the cemetery and/or building and grounds needs of the Church.

Any legacy member whose contribution totals \$1,000 or more will be recognized with a brass plate on a prominently displayed plaque. Annual meeting reports will include all the names of those individuals who made a contribution of any amount that year.

December Newsletter
articles are due
December 19th

to Elizabeth Herrling at
vermont_church@tds.net

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