



NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH MAY NEWSLETTER 2022

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Our congregation has vitality including the amazing participation of youth. After Palm Sunday and Easter services we have experienced the renewed interest of people attending and enjoying in-person worship again after a Covid-19 period of regression.

We as a church have integrated a fully functional and operational church office after the departure of Dallas Lutheran from our parish partnership. During this interim transition, we have also experienced the presence of having your own pastor for your ministerial needs.

As we move to the future, we will begin to investigate a partnership with another congregation while simultaneously wait to discover if there is a pastor looking for a part time pastoral vacancy. Our Profile is on the ELCA web site for pastoral candidates to consider us as a church to serve. We are aware that there are relatively few pastors available; thus, our daily prayers are needed as we seek the Lord's divine plan for us here at New Scandinavia.

Are we to have a future as a stand-alone congregation? Are we to have a parish partner? Are we able to support more than a part time pastor alone? Do we have potential to grow in membership? What do we as a congregation discern as God's plan for us?

Your church council has approved a contract extension for this pastor until the end of the year. While I am with you, I am here to guide and to help you in this discerning process with God's divine plan for New Scandinavia Lutheran Church. The good news is that we are together with the love of the Lord with all our heart, and mind, and soul.

In Christ, Pastor Ron Gerl

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

