

Gratitude

I am
grateful

- For the opportunity to be a part of LCMC
 - From the days of Word Alone Network
 - Charter Member of LCMC
 - Part of the first Ministry Board
 - We didn't know what we didn't know—but we have learned and are still learning.
 - We believed we were doing the right thing
 - What struck me was the interest in prayer

I am
grateful

- For Bill Sullivan, the First Service Coordinator
 - The title? The word “servant” should be reflected in any title chosen
 - Bill was definitely a servant
 - Bill will tell you that the best decision he made as Service Coordinator was to hire Sharon MacFadyen

I am
grateful

- For the pastors, the church council presidents and council members, and for the people of our LCMC congregations.
 - This is an amazing family!

I am
grateful

- For the staff with whom I have been privileged to serve:
 - Paul Spaulding
 - Dan Clites
 - Steve Lien
 - Sharon MacFadyen
 - Cathy Nichol
 - Kristy Thomas
 - Perry Fruhling
 - Mike Bradley

I am
grateful

- For those who have served on the Board of Trustees:
 - The Chairs: Becky Lee, Kip Tyler, Sean Kelly and Brodie Taphorn
- Dedicated, smart, capable and faithful
- Committed to the DNA of this church body
 - Love Jesus and love His church
 - As has been every member of every board

I am grateful

- For yhis current Board of Trustees. They have worked tirelessly to both initiate and implement a transition strategy and plan, to take us into the days ahead, including identifying and appointing the next Service Coordinator.
- Mike Bradley—I believe he is the right person, at the right time, in the right position.
- This entire process started almost 2 years ago

I am grateful

- For my wife, Candice.
 - She has held down the fort for these last 10 years as I traveled all across North America and around the world.
 - And I know it hasn't always been easy!
 - 2" of water in the basement
 - 10" of snow and more

I am grateful for her!
Its been 46 years...and
the Lord is not done
with us yet!



I am
grateful

- To God Almighty for calling us out to do something different!
 - A Theological Movement
 - The authority of God's Word
 - A clear proclamation of the Gospel
 - Standing on the Lutheran Confessions
 - And born out of Augsburg 7

I am
grateful

- To God Almighty for calling us out to do something different!
- A Theological Movement born out of Augsburg 7:
 - 1] Also they teach that one holy Church is to continue forever. The Church is the congregation of saints, in which the Gospel is rightly taught and the Sacraments are rightly administered. 2] And to the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree concerning the doctrine of the Gospel and 3] the administration of the Sacraments. **Nor is it necessary that human traditions, that is, rites or ceremonies, instituted by others, should be everywhere alike.**

I am
grateful

- To God Almighty for calling us out to do something different!
 - A Theological Movement
 - Celebrating the Priesthood of all Believers
 - Calling all the baptized to serve Jesus in every vocation.

I am
grateful

- To God Almighty for calling us out to do something different!
 - An **Ecclesiological** Movement
 - Not simply creating another denomination
 - Without a spiritual hierarchy
 - Believing the congregation is able
 - If not, we can train and equip but not takeover
 - The only head of this church is Jesus

I am
grateful

- And now for something completely different!
 - I have worked in some fashion for the “church” for the last 42 years.

I am
grateful

The next chapter?

- Mark Vander Tuig, Licensed to sell real estate in the state of Iowa.
- Brokerage: Pennie Carroll and Associates

I am
grateful



I am
grateful



I am grateful



I am
grateful

- And...
 - Ministry Coordinator for Lutheran Asian Ministries! Part-time.
 - Pastor Tom LoVan, Executive Director

I am
grateful



I am grateful



I am grateful



Gratitude:
To God be the glory...