

Deacon Report for 2022

This past year was another period for Valhalla Lutheran Church to live in faith. Doing that can be very challenging at times; perhaps I should simply say: it is always challenging. Just like Abraham, we are waiting prayerfully and faithfully for God. In the waiting, it seems like we are doing nothing, but in actuality - this is the most important thing. We can know this by looking back at the many blessings God has provided us this past year.

Starting off, we have had many volunteers who have expertly and faithfully fulfilled the roles that were required of them. This was a great service and should not be forgotten. When I visit other churches, people often talk about how hard it is to get people to volunteer, even in large congregations. Thankfully, our Church is full of servants that make the Church possible. Thank you from the Deacons!

Another great blessing has been the many Pastors who love coming to our Church. I know I have said it before, but it bears repeating. Pastors love coming to our Church and often request Sundays if they feel it has been too long since they were able to come and serve. I believe the Pastors sense our love towards each other and to them as well. In this way, we are doing good work for God, and I pray that we will always have this heart in our congregation!

Lastly, I would like to highlight one of the most surprising and wonderful of our blessings this past year. Little Valhalla Lutheran Church had four baptisms during the year 2022! If that was not enough, in the coming months we will have more baptisms! Praise God! We should all remember these fellow brothers and sisters whom have been put into our trust by Christ. Pray for them, so that we can fulfill God's directions: "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:6-8

Looking forward to 2023, we are excited for Pastor Lyndon Wall's Seminar "Live Again - God's Ministry to Those Who Have Experienced Rejection." We encourage everyone to take part and attend. Who amongst us hasn't experienced rejection?

We also continue to pray and wait patiently for the Pastor God has prepared for us! Given a fulcrum and a long enough lever we could lift the whole Earth. God has given us both, he is the fulcrum and prayer is the lever!

Respectfully Submitted,

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