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**Arlington Hills  
Lutheran Church  
“LIGHT FROM THE  
HEIGHTS”  
May 2022**

**Easter Worship 2022**





## Mitch's Ministerial Musings

### Some thoughts on Stewardship . . .

The Lord God took the human and  
put the human in the garden of Eden  
**to tend it and keep it.** – Genesis 2:15

As our Arlington Hills Lutheran Church ship sails on, we turn our focus to a new “ship” for this month, “Stewardship.” Stewardship is the conscientious use of that which has been entrusted to us. It’s easy if a person asks you to watch their laptop while they get coffee at a coffee shop. It’s a little more challenging if someone asks you to care for their dogs for a week while they are away on vacation. But those jobs are relatively easy compared to what God asks us to take care of, namely, according to the verse above, the whole earth! That’s a pretty big task, and so we usually make it more manageable by thinking of being good stewards, that is, using wisely, with God’s purposes in mind, our “time, talents, and treasure.”

Time and talent are a little more amorphous to determine what the proper giving level should be. Concerning “treasure,” conventional wisdom in the church has followed Old Testament Levitical laws and suggested 10% of one’s income as the proper way to determine one’s giving. Some have argued that 10% should go to your church, with other giving on top of that amount. Others have advocated for a 10% giving total. There have also been debates on whether you tithe on gross or net income. I’m not sure there is a clear answer. What’s important is to be as faithful in whatever feels most comfortable.

I’ve seen how generous our congregation is in my short time here. I know that you already take stewardship very seriously because I know you care about your church and the East Side. This month, we will be thinking more specifically about the needs of our church and our community. We will be exploring how to use our resources for kingdom work, work that enables our church and ourselves to be ever faithful to God’s call to our community. So, join us as we climb aboard the “Steward Ship” this month and see what a difference we can continue to make together!

Peace,

Pr. Mitch Kinsinger



Per'agraph

Greetings Collaborators!

Though it is a gloomy day with a wintry mix as I write this, I am celebrating the sunshine and the bright colors of a full garden. After all, there is nothing quite like a cold and blustery April afternoon to inspire a deep and unshakable hope for the magnificent month of May! And, as Christians, we know a little bit about hope, don't we? Speaking of hope, it has been quite the spring already for our collaborators from Hope Lutheran. Over the past few months – and, in particular, during Holy Week – I've had the deep honor to work and learn alongside them as they navigate the sale of their property, the process

of moving, and all of the celebration and mourning, stresses and joys that go along with such a time as this. The fine people of Hope Lutheran are doing the good, brave, hard and holy work of exploring just what it means – in the words of a council member – quote “to do greater things than 1340 N. Hazel Street.” It has been a fascinating and powerful experience accompanying them on this resurrection journey and I look forward to having the chance to engage the newness that comes from all of this work.

As you might expect, my work with each of the congregations continues as we move through the spring and look forward to those much anticipated summer days. If you're looking for me, you might find me working with the confirmation students at Grace and Our Redeemer, enjoying Bible Study with the folks at Hope, or sitting in on committee meetings at Arlington Hills, or imagining the possibilities of shared ministry leaders from all four congregations.

Wherever you do find me, please stop and say hello! I want to hear what is going on in your neck of the woods! I want you to show me how God is at work in your day-to-day! I want to know how spring is lifting your spirits!

-Per, the intern

East Side Collaborative for Good Friday Service held April 15, 2022 at Gustavus Adolphus. Pictured here front row; Deacon Jennifer Schneider, Pr. Karen Williams, Pr. Karsten Nelson, Pr. Joy McDonald Colvert and Pr. Amanda Simons.

Back row: Pr. Andrew Tengwall, Pastor John Hierlinger, Intern Per Halaas and Interim Pastor Mitch Kinsinger.



Happy Retirement!  
Cheryl Hollman  
Reception was held on April 24 after the worship service.  
Cheryl retired from AHLC after 9 1/2 years.

Pastoral Acts  
Deaths  
Clair Haberman  
Evelyn (Lu) Warn

**St Paul Area 2022  
Synod Assembly**

**Attendees will be**  
Pastor Mitch Kinsinger  
Jon Helgason (voting member)  
Dennis Rasmusson (guest)  
Mary Kowitz (guest)

Stewardship – May



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