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Report on August 2022 Sabbatical

I took 25 days of sabbatical altogether, from August 10 to September 4. About half of my time was spent in the Midwest with my husband, whom I hadn't seen since May. The weather was fine in the Midwest. We spent about five days in Duluth in northern Minnesota. I had been to Duluth previously but my husband had not, and I think he was duly impressed by Lake Superior and the beautiful scenery on the Norwegian Riviera. It was a lovely trip, made better because we were together. We returned to Iowa on a Friday so he could preach on Sunday, and then we left again for St. Paul on a Tuesday. We like to attend the Minnesota State Fair, and we were planning to meet a seminary classmate there, but she ended up with a stress fracture in her foot and didn't feel that she was up to all the walking. We met her for a meal and got caught up with each other in about four hours and one shift change in a restaurant. It was a much-needed visit.

The Fair itself had not quite recovered fully from the pandemic, and of course, the pandemic still exists. Approximately 350 a day people are still dying from the coronavirus in the U.S. One note: there was a shooting on the midway on Saturday; we were in attendance on Thursday. After various foods on sticks and visiting our favorite exhibits (livestock barns, crafts, and baked goods) we were a good kind of tired. We left Minnesota on a Friday and drove back to Iowa, but this time to Fairfield in the southeastern corner for my husband's family reunion. His family has a long history in Fairfield. Along with some of his cousins and their spouses from other parts of the country, we visited past family homes that were still standing, cemeteries where multiple great grandparents were laid to rest, and the town museum. The reunion took place at the Seven Roses Inn in Fairfield, and if anyone is looking for a mid-nineteenth century inn, it is for sale and it's beautiful. The woodwork is in excellent condition; it has not been painted. The reunion covered that first weekend of September and I flew back to Pasco from Des Moines.

The first four days of my sabbatical time were spent at home in Yakima, cleaning, packing, and preparing both me and Goldie for the upcoming weeks. Goldie did very well at Little Paws boarding, although I was a bit worried to leave her for such a long time. I'm not sure she wanted to come home. It's not as fun at home.

The first full week of my sabbatical time I spent in Maryland where my eastern BFF lives in a suburb of Baltimore. In the past, I served two congregations in the greater Baltimore area, and I consider Baltimore to be as much home as the Pacific NW. My bestie in Baltimore is a significant part of my personal support system, like my western BFF in Seattle, and one thing I learned during my sabbatical is how much I missed contact with both of them, and how important my support system is to my emotional well-being. I also learned that I need to keep in better contact with them and the rest of my support system in the future.

So there I was in a part of the country that's full of Civil War battlefields and other memorials and within an hour's drive of Washington, D.C. Gettysburg is a place I like to visit every time I go to Maryland, because it's not a long drive to that part of Pennsylvania, but I did not go this time because both the Devil's Den and Little Round Top were being rehabilitated. Damage and erosion from weather and millions of tourists had closed both areas temporarily. Unfortunately, Antietam and Manassas also were in the process of being rehabilitated, so I chose not to go there, either. Next time. What I did do, since I was immersed in this historic place, was start thinking about war. It felt like a natural move. Then I started thinking about the Just War Tradition, which is a long-standing moral and ethical philosophy in Christianity. It seemed a natural thing to ponder because of Maryland's history and also because the news currently holds stories of calls for "another" civil war. I started wondering and asking questions: Is there really such a thing as a Just War? How can such environmental devastation and wholesale killing be justifiable under any circumstances? I wondered how many wars have been fought in history that could be considered "just". The only recent war that I could think of that might meet the criteria of the

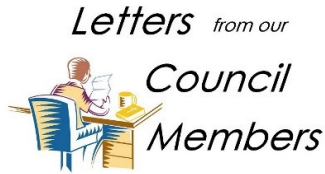
Just War Tradition was WWII, which was arguably waged for a higher purpose, and not simply out of grievance, grudge, or desire for plunder on the part of individuals or a country.

I started to do some research while I was in Maryland. Augustine, Bishop in North Africa in the fourth and fifth centuries, is the most important writer in the historical development of Just War Tradition from the perspective of Christianity. Later, Thomas Aquinas, a Roman Catholic theologian, made Just War Tradition a scholarly pursuit. After Aquinas, Martin Luther wrote about Just War during the Reformation, particularly in terms of how the tradition upholds the distinction between law and gospel. Luther wrote, too, about obedience to temporal authority and the question of soldiers' salvation in two interesting essays.

I looked at Miller Library in Howard County library for books on Just War Tradition but was unsuccessful. I have since acquired a few books, including one written by my graduate school thesis advisor, so I continue to research the topic. I'm considering offering a class or two on this topic later this fall. It could be an important discussion. As followers of Jesus, we should not only care about but also be aware of what's going on in our world and in our country. When I was growing up the popular cliché was that Christians are "in but not of the world". This is neither a true nor a correct statement. We cannot remove ourselves from the *polis*, a society characterized by a sense of community. The truth is that we are both; we are in the world *and* of the world, and we are called to help God repair this world from the destruction we humans have done. Calls for "another" civil war (the first one has neither ended nor been resolved) have their roots in what is being termed white Christian nationalism, which is certainly the biggest threat today to American democracy and does violence to Christianity, as well. Both topics are worth discussion, especially in how they relate to each other.

Thank you to the synod committee for the sabbatical grant, to all supply pastors, to Melissa Christianson for her support, and to CLC's council for approving the time for an extended shabbos.

Peace, Pastor Anderson



Council Corner

Greetings and God's peace to you all. I'm Shane Pierone your council secretary since 2018. Thank goodness for laptop computers because if I had to take notes by hand, I would even have trouble deciphering what minutes said. I've had the privilege of serving on many different councils over the years. If memory serves, Nancy Melville was the President on the first council I served on. I think at least 12 different presidents including two terms myself. I can assure you that every council has had the best interest of Central Lutheran Church at heart and cares deeply about the members. We take our responsibility seriously. Sure, we don't always agree, but we hear each other out with courtesy and respect. With God's help we carry out the business of Central Lutheran. We even share a laugh or two! Our annual meeting is fast approaching, so we'll be looking to fill at least two terms on council. I encourage you to consider serving. We need your voice and ideas. I promise it will be a rewarding experience. Please contact our nominating committee made up of Melissa Christianson and Ron Burkhardt. Hope to see you on council next year!

Melissa: melissachristianson@live.com

Ron: ron.burkhardt42@gmail.com

Peace.

Shane Pierone



1st Norma Perala and Ron Burkhardt

3rd Ann Willis and Nicole Pierone

4th Sandra Gibson and Doug Pray

6th Dee Lund

7th Melissa Falk

8th Katie Bishop

11th Jeanne Dillahunt

12th Bruce Willis

14th Ardelle Ringhouse

16th Carvel Eaton

17th Art Ries and John Baken

19th Velda Schafer and Jennifer Loyd

20th Tim Reierson

21st Jennifer Crane

24th Connie Stephens

26th Rick Rodden, Linda Gordner, Kyle Dixon,
and Randa Emmel

27th Valerie Imbrock

31st Paige Falk



2nd Melanie and Brian Sanderson

7th Connie and Larry Stephens

16th Tim and Le Nee Gatton

Eight Guideposts for Living

I will do more than belong -- I will participate.

I will do more than believe -- I will practice.

I will do more than be fair -- I will be kind.

I will do more than forgive -- I will forget.

I will do more than dream -- I will inspire.

I will do more than earn -- I will enrich.

I will do more than give -- I will serve.

I will do more than care -- I will help.

(Walter D. White)



God's Work. Our hands will continue!
This should be more than one day a year.

Children's Village and Jane's House loved the bags they received. The Piecemakers made wonderful quilts and Myrna Hillestad made matching pillows. Thank you to Milda Randall and Mary Hofer for delivering the bags.

In November we will deliver for Advent another gift: This bag will be a draw string bag with a small stuffed animal, mittens/ gloves and beanie, with 2 or 3 books for Foster Children. We also could use play dough, coloring books with crayons for Children's Village. The collection will begin in the entry way by the office.

The food collection for Salvation Army was great! They really appreciate all that came in and were very surprised on the amount..

Now we are collecting socks for the homeless for Advent. It can be men, women, or children items. This will begin in the entry way also.

The Prayer Shawls will be delivered to Ponderosa and Chesterly the 2nd Sunday of October for the people who come to the worship. We can always use more shawls if you still want to make more!



WANTED!

LOOKING FOR

Men or women members of CLC who are interested in positions involving management, community development, finance, and future growth.


**Please respond or text to
509-961-6400 or 509-952-8495**

Great benefits!

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, Nobody

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>2 17th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 a Bible Study 3:00 p "On the Corner"</p>
<p>9 18th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:00 p Camp Hope 6:00 p Property Committee</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 a Bible Study 3:00 p 'On the Corner'</p>
<p>16 19th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 p Church Council</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 a Bible Study 3:00 p "On the Corner"</p>
<p>23 20th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 a Bible Study 3:00 p 'On the Corner'</p>
<p>31 Reformation Sunday</p> <p>9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 am WORSHIP</p> 	<p>31</p> 	

2022

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday
<p>5</p> <p>4:00 p Youth Group 6:30p Handbell Choir 7:30 p Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 a Piecemakers 3:00 p 'On the Corner'</p>	<p>7</p> <hr/> <p>8</p>
<p>12</p> <p>4:00 p Youth Group 6:30p Handbell Choir 7:30 p Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2:00 p Worship Meeting 3:00 p 'On the Corner'</p>	<p>14</p> <hr/> <p>15</p>
<p>19</p> <p>4:00 p Youth Group 6:30p Handbell Choir 7:30 p Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 a Piecemakers 3:00 p 'On the Corner'</p>	<p>21</p> <hr/> <p>22</p>
<p>26</p> <p>4:00 p Youth Group 6:30p Handbell Choir 7:30 p Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>3:00 p 'On the Corner'</p>	<p>28</p> <hr/> <p>29</p>

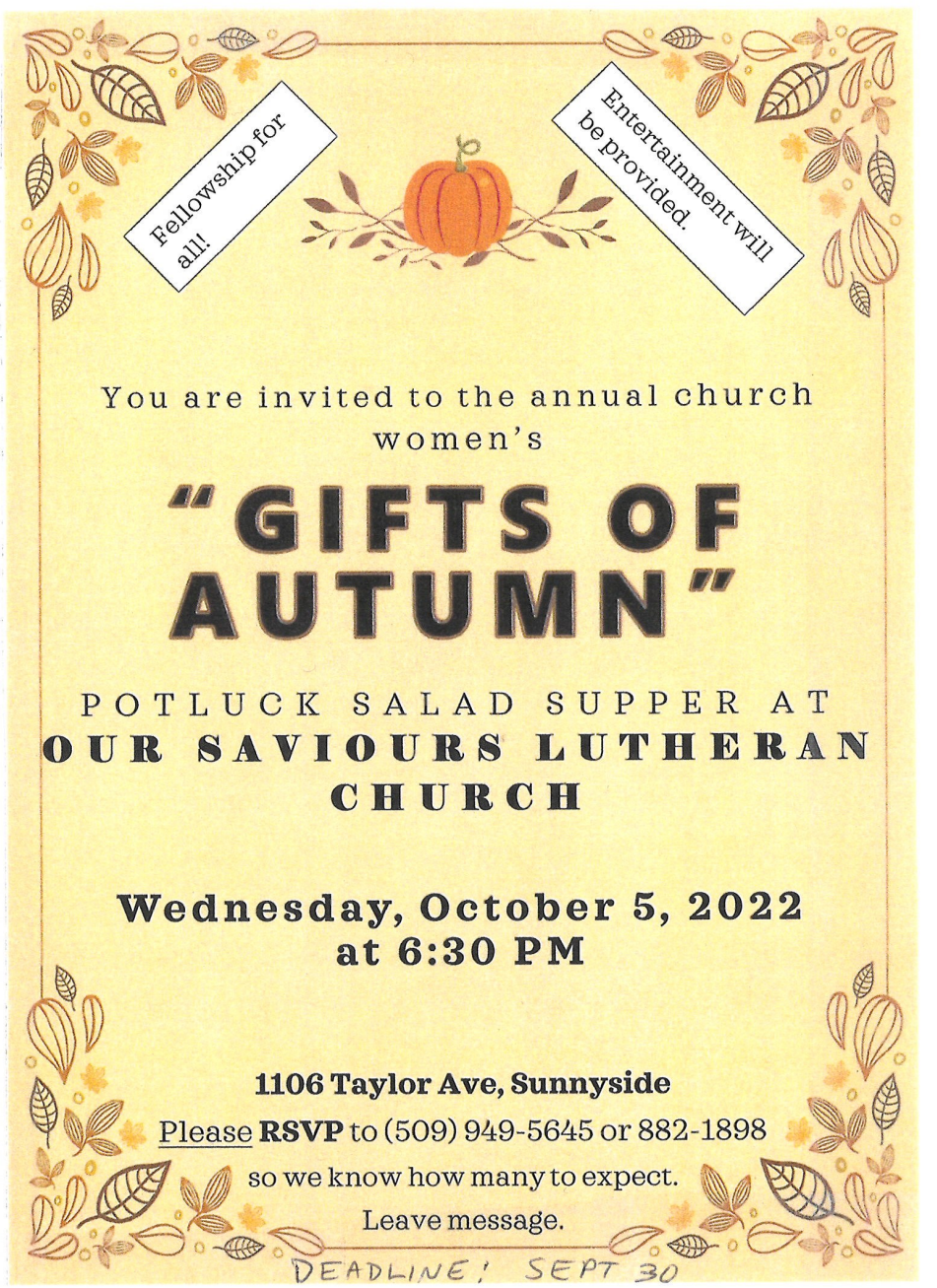
FALL CRAFT BAZAAR



SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 12TH, 2022

9AM-3PM

Presented by Central Lutheran Church



Fellowship for
all!

Entertainment will
be provided.

You are invited to the annual church
women's

"GIFTS OF AUTUMN"

POTLUCK SALAD SUPPER AT
**OUR SAVIOURS LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

**Wednesday, October 5, 2022
at 6:30 PM**

1106 Taylor Ave, Sunnyside

Please **RSVP** to (509) 949-5645 or 882-1898

so we know how many to expect.

Leave message.

DEADLINE! SEPT 30

**By the Grace of God and the Call of the Church,
you are invited to the Ordination of**

Ethan Alan Bergman

**To the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**Sunday October 9th, 2022
At 3 pm PT**

**First Lutheran Church
512 N. Ruby Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926**

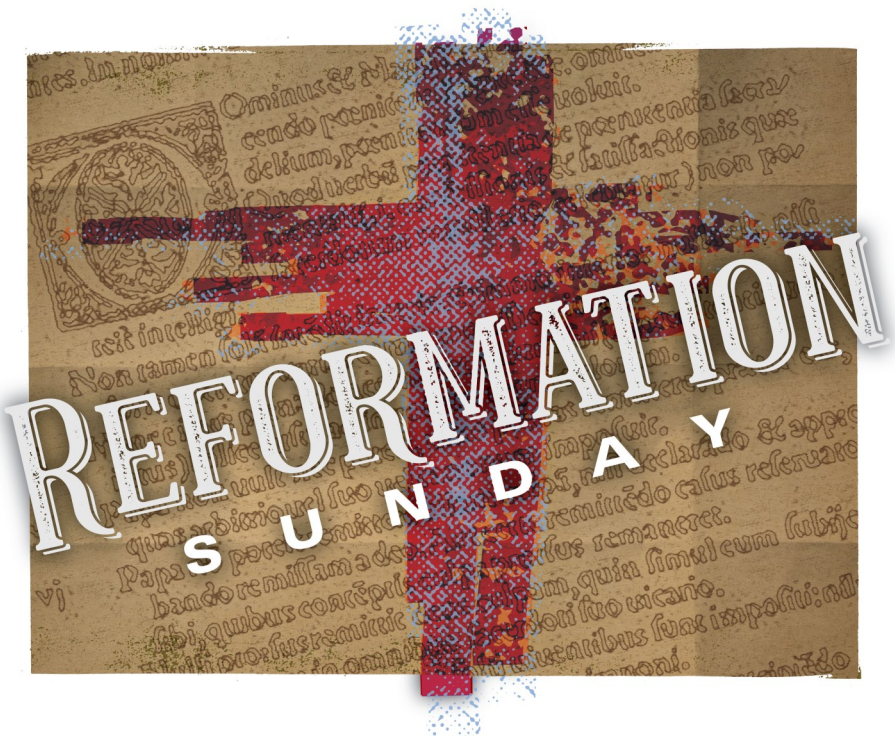
Clergy are invited to vest; red is the color of the day.

If you are unable to join us in person, the service will be live-streamed and recorded through First Lutheran's YouTube Channel at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI3iINVT_4_ir2N2SPNqbHg

**Ethan has been called to serve as Vicar at
Grace Episcopal Church in Ellensburg, WA.**





October 30th is Reformation Sunday
Be sure to wear red!



Our Camp Hope Dinner was prepared and served by Felicity, Dalene, and Mark Pittman on Sept. 12. They served 175 people hot dogs, macaroni salad with chips. Thank you to the Pittman family!

CHURCH IN SOCIETY



Caring for Creation: Greener Greens

Globally food waste accounts for 8-10% of greenhouse gas emissions. To top that off food that ends up in the landfill generates methane which is 25times more potent a greenhouse gas than CO₂.

So, by keeping your greens, for example, in better shape in your refrigerator, you are keeping them from being wasted, **plus** you are saving yourself the cost you invested to buy them in the first place.

I hope you have never pulled out your lettuce for a nice green salad just to have

the rude realization that what you put in as a nice crispy package of lettuce is now on the way to being a bag of dreadful green slime. I've been there, unfortunately, so let's figure out how to avoid the slime. First of all greens like a cool temp. of between 32-34°. Check your refrigerator!

If you wash your greens, then dry them off, but not completely. They like the Goldilocks zone of not too damp, and not too dry. Produce is still alive after it is harvested so the key is to keep it alive as long as possible. Greens want to breathe. Baby greens are more fragile, and they want to be stored with sufficient oxygen around them. That translates into a package where the air is still present. Sturdier lettuces like romaine or head lettuce want less air so store them with very little air in a snugger package.

Another helpful point is to use the correct drawer in your refrigerator. The divided drawers serve a purpose. Vegetables and fruits need to be stored separately because fruits give off higher levels of ethylene gas, which is a culprit in spoiling vegetables and especially in sensitive ones like lettuces. Keep fruits and vegetables apart for less waste!

Paying attention to a few details will keep your greens ready for that salad and not ready for the landfill.



Treasurer's Report
Financial results thru

August 31, 2022

	Offerings/income		Expenses by major category		Year to date
	August	Year to date	August	Year to date	
General fund	30,855.77	202,966.37	Salaries & benefits	19,024.02	151,682.67
Building Usage	40.00	1,145.00	Youth & Family	1,059.51	4,997.60
other income	2.16	901.23	Worship	781.49	3,808.97
Transfers			Hospitality	-	1,564.67
from endowment fund	22,164.00	75,229.25	Stewardship/Church in Society	-	32,844.00
from money market	1,263.83		Property	8,732.40	97,976.75
Gertie Hein - Visitation		-	Office	1,067.84	10,450.80
Total	54,325.76	280,241.85	Total	30,665.26	303,325.46
	August 2022		operating income, net of transfers	\$ 232.67	
			net income	\$ 23,660.50	
		Year to date	operating income, net of transfers	\$ (98,312.86)	
			net loss	\$ (23,083.61)	



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

Phyllis Gillihan (Ponderosa)

Chet Hausken (Landmark)

Art Ries (Livingcare)

Toni Perschke (Brookdale)

Betty Douglas (Moxee)

Wilma Aspevig (Lives with daughter)

Doris Benish (Orchard Park)

Marie Halverson (Yakima)

Kyle Dixon (Yakima)

Elaine Bueling (Covenant House)

Joanne Puyear (Arbor House)

Carol Nelson (Yakima)

Greg Bainter (Yakima)

Tim Schulz (Yakima)

Dave Desmarais (Ria Desmarais' Husband Good Sam)

Donald Breshears (Anne Chapman's Dad)

Barbara Breshears (Anne Chapman's Mom)

Chris DeMonbrun (Friend of Anne Chapman)

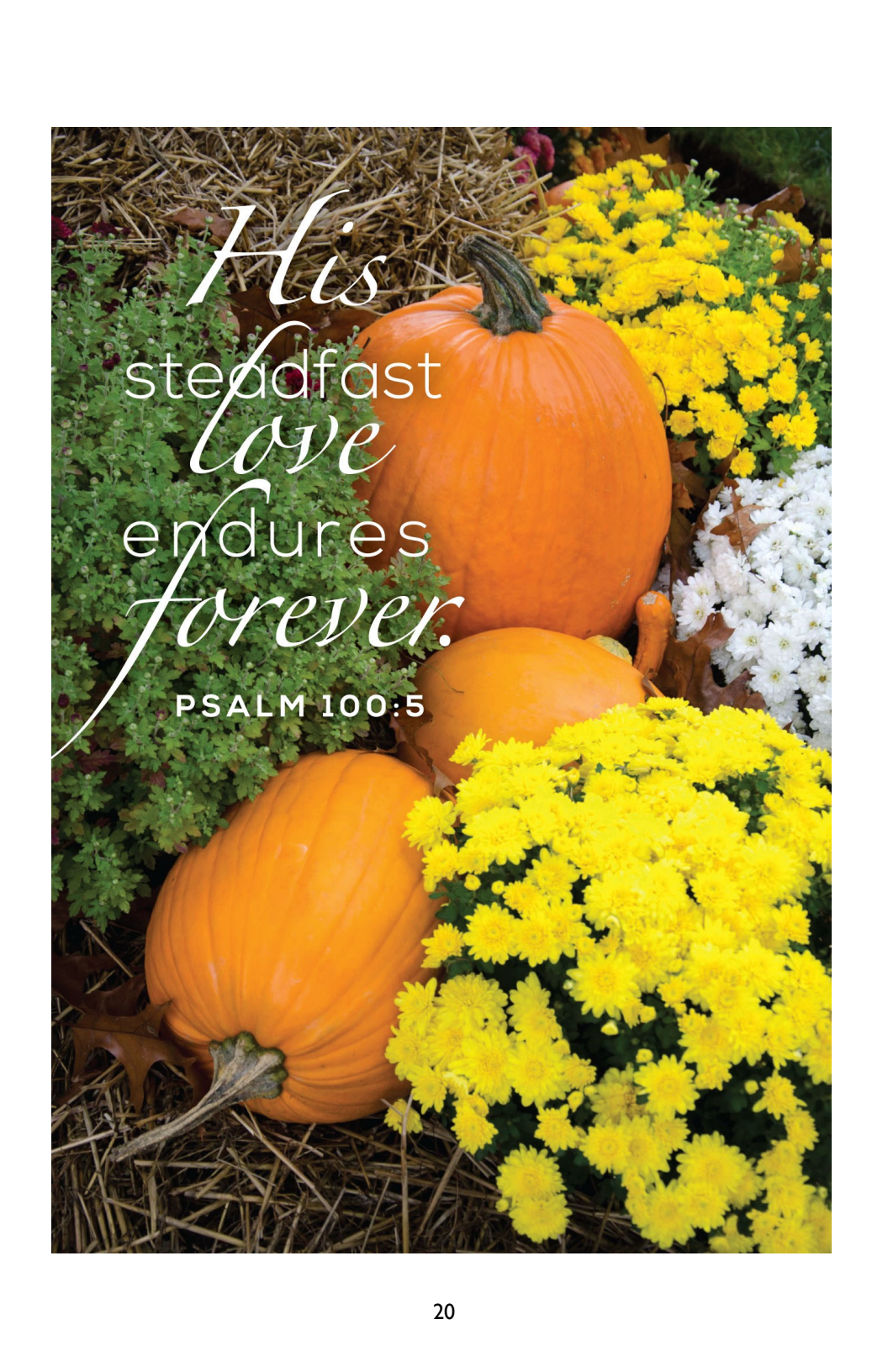
Mickael Benson (Heart)

Don Adams (Toni Lynn Adam's Grandpa in Cowiche)

Lindsey Nelson (Naches)

Kai Perala (Norma's Grandson)

**PLEASE CONTACT BARB BEEHLER IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PRAYER CHAIN**

A photograph of pumpkins and chrysanthemums. The scene is set on a bed of straw. In the center, a large, bright orange pumpkin sits prominently. To its right, a cluster of small yellow chrysanthemums is in full bloom. Below the large pumpkin, another smaller orange pumpkin is visible. In the foreground, a third large orange pumpkin is positioned, partially obscured by more yellow chrysanthemums. To the right of the pumpkins, there are some white chrysanthemums. The background is filled with straw and some green foliage.

His
steadfast
love
endures
forever.

PSALM 100:5