

A Quick Review of Our 25th Anniversary Celebrations across the Alaska Synod

As a church we are asked to celebrate our 25th Anniversary by serving in the community. Cake may indeed be involved but the goal is to serve in the community rather than have a private party.

Petersburg LC celebrated by beautifying the Petersburg Children Center after Rally Sunday. This included cutting grass, trimming trees and basic cleaning up.

Island of Faith-Wrangell wore the t-shirts while weeding and pruning the large landscape corner in front of the Senior Apartments.

Sitka Lutheran wore the shirts and made cookies. Lots and lots and lots of cookies! With thankful hearts we delivered them to those who serve our community - hospitals, fire and police departments, library, Coast Guard, Pioneer Home, and some of the elders of our congregation.

Shepherd of the Valley-Juneau will be reflecting God's Work, Our Hands by a mission trip to Whitehorse the end of September.

Resurrection Lutheran-Juneau wore their congregation t-shirts and did a trash/litter clean up of our surrounding neighborhood, followed by a sloppy joe fellowship luncheon.

First Lutheran in Ketchikan included this anniversary in their prayers.

The Interior Cluster met for a picnic Sunday afternoon:
On Saturday, Christ Lutheran cut and split wood for Love in the Name of Christ.

Fairbanks Lutheran incorporated 25th Anniversary liturgical resources in worship. They are scheduling work parties this month to benefit Fairbanks Youth Advocates (helping homeless youth.)

Lord of Life-North Pole had folks out cutting and splitting wood, hauling brush and helping with household chores, and washing cupboards and windows at the Senior Center all in t-shirts.

The Seward Peninsula Cluster met in Teller the weekend of September 6-8 for the annual Fall Conference.

Trinity-Palmer worked in its Community Garden, and picked up trash on the roads near the building. Interior work included packing food for homeless youth and continuing the ongoing remodeling of their facility. They also have the shirts. We have used the *Always being Made New* Bible study in the adult class and at the church council.

Joy Lutheran had a flashmob roadway clean up on the 8th. Congregational T-Shirts with "God's Work. Our Hands" and the congregation's mission statement were worn.

Good Shepherd-Wasilla is not doing anything as they are in the call process. (That might just be enough that is new.)

River of Life-Chugiak celebrated in house with a look at the work of the ELCA and a time of remembrance.

Gloria Dei-Anchorage wore the shirts on their Rally Day with a record attendance. They continue in the call process “Always Being Made New.”

St. Mark On September 22nd, the people of St. Mark –Anchorage will “hit the streets” in service to the community. We’ll gather at 10 AM for a brief service of blessing and then teams will go to work, taking God’s love into our neighborhoods. Projects include: raking leaves for shut-ins, painting a transitional living apartment for Lutheran Social Services, sewing and stuffing toiletry kits for the women at the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission and planning and conducting worship there, and others.

If you have more to report, let us in the Synod Office know about it!