

To our wonderful congregation
of Living Word.

Thank you for the lovely
flower bouquet, cards, telephone
calls, thoughts and prayers
and concerns for Gene.

Gene was so proud
of our church, he enjoyed
serving on church council.
He thought of everyone in
church as family.

The luncheon that was
served by our members
was delicious. Everyone
in attendance was pleased
with the variety of food.
Gene would have been
amazed at the choice of
desserts also. Gene
definitely loved to eat.

Your kindness and concern
have meant so very much
and will always
be remembered

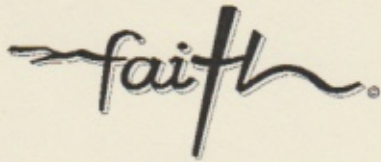
Sincerely,
Aondia, son Dan +
Traci, daughter Crista +
Duane. The grandchildren
Nathan + Alef, Taylor,
Chris + Joey, Ian + Alec.

We have all received
one gracious blessing
after another.

JOHN 1:16 NLT

Praying that God
brings you
many blessings
for your kindness.

Dear Pastor Dill and Congregation of
Living Word Lutheran Church,
Thank you for inviting me to worship
with you as you celebrated "Life Sunday".
Your focus on 1st Way and our ministry
to the unborn is very much appreciated.
Each item donated will be given to a precious
newborn with much love. We are using
your generous donation of cash to buy gifts
for our clients and their little ones this
Christmas. May God richly bless all of you
Holly Robinson



Faith Lutheran Church

November 22, 2021

Living Word Lutheran Church
800 Hill Top Dr
Cumberland, MD 21502

Dear Pastor Dill:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The people of Faith will be praying for you and your congregation during our services of worship this coming weekend. We thank the Lord for the privilege of being in partnership with you as members of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. We ask God to bless and strengthen the life and witness of your congregation.

Throughout the year, we pray for two LCMC congregations and their pastors each week. As the Spirit moves you, we would be blessed by your prayers on behalf of our congregation here in New Mexico.

On behalf of your brothers and sisters in Christ at Faith, I am...

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jerry Watts
Associate Pastor

SENIOR PASTOR
DR. W. BRUCE WILDER

PASTORS
DR. JERRY W. WATTS
MARK BEHENNA

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
AMBER R. OTERO, MBA



December 2021

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. As I write this end of year letter to you, the words that continue to go through my mind are simply: Thank You! Thank you for your love for the Lord. Thank you for loving, connecting, and caring for the people of God you've been called to serve. Thank you for all the ways you and your congregation are praying for, reaching out to, and loving and serving those in your community who don't yet know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

This past year has been one, in which, we have experienced continued growth in our association. Receiving many new congregations and planting others. Receiving new pastors and seminarians. Revitalizing and preparing to launch new districts and fellowships. In all this and more, God has been at work impacting people with His love and His power, here in the United States, and overseas.

As you can imagine, your financial support for the association has been important to us. Your finances have enabled our small but extremely dedicated staff (only six staff members for almost 1,000 congregations) to serve our congregations in several different ways, that according to your testimonies, have been helpful and timely. You've also enabled us to serve LCMC congregations and leaders by working with and training district and fellowship coordinators and leaders, who in turn, have been reaching out to serve the congregations and leaders in their regions.

This past year your finances have enabled us to develop and launch a new ministry that is going to be especially helpful to smaller congregations and leaders, to church planters, and to our mid-large size churches and leaders as well. This new ministry is called *The LeaderCare Initiative*. This ministry is going to enable us to serve you at the grassroots, regional, district, and fellowship levels by loving, connecting, and caring for leaders – ordained and lay. Leaders who are being loved, connected, and cared for are helped to grow in health and maturity, which will increase their effectiveness as leaders. We are also at work developing more ministries and services that will be especially important to our smaller congregations in the next 2-3 years.

Your financial support is enabling us to provide all of this as well as the many administrative services that make having an association possible. It is also helping us to offer various training seminars throughout the country, a well-trained intentional interim ministry, support and training for call committees, conflict resolution training and services, and much more.

Thank you for your financial support. Rest assured we are very careful how the financial resources entrusted to the association are being used. Thank you for your generosity this past year and in the years to come. Amen!

In God's Unshakable Love,

Rev. Michael Bradley
LCMC Service Coordinator