

# COUNTY-WIDE CHAPLAINCY

"There to Help  
When it Hurts"



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Dear Friends of Chaplaincy,



As I was driving home this afternoon to get this letter typed, I heard some interesting and depressing news on the radio. (Depressing news is everywhere these days!) They were telling how the VA was putting on hundreds of counselors for suicidal veterans. The next piece of news was of a father who lost his job; he killed his wife and son, and then killed himself as well.

Then they told of how schools were making plans to have "virtual school" on the internet in the event that the H1N1 flu became epidemic in any one school. People are panicking as they try to get the flu shots, and then we hear reports that they may not be safe - so what do you do? And now we hear that the recession is over, but this morning's paper said that 10 states are in real trouble and don't know what to do. Many have faced job losses and are having a hard time finding employment.

This morning, my wife and I read our devotional about Job in the Bible who heard all the bad reports that his servants, family, and cattle had all being killed, and he was very grief stricken. He fell down on the ground before God and said, "I came naked from my mother's womb, and I shall have nothing when I die. The Lord gave me everything I had, and they were his to take away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:20-21)

Wow, what an attitude when things were all falling apart. I really think that this is why we need a special holiday that reminds us to be thankful in the midst of times that are tough. It certainly helps us sort out the things that are wants and desires, and those things that we still have and are so important in our lives.

This Thanksgiving there will be many families who will have an empty place at the table that had always been filled by a loved one who has recently passed away. Each month as I print up the mailing labels for this mailing, I am reminded of that as I remove the names of those who have died in the past month. May I encourage you to use the thanksgiving table time to be a time in which that loved one is included in

the good memories that we choose to keep and talk about. Ignoring the loss certainly is not helpful in the healing process. This past weekend Evelyn and I had the joy of celebrating my sister's birthday in Canada. We had a delightful few days with her two sons and their families. Just before we headed home on Sunday, we had lunch with 4 of my cousins and their spouses, whose dad (the last of my father's siblings) had died a few weeks ago. We would have loved to have been there for his service, but the timing didn't work for us. We did spend time talking of his influence on his family and rejoiced in memories past. For me it was a part of my own grieving and healing.



## Giving Thanks (Author Unknown)

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,  
For the labor well done, and the barns that are heaped,  
For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,  
For the rose and the song and the harvest brought home --  
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,  
For the cunning and strength of the workingman's hand,  
For the good that our artists and poets have taught,  
For the friendship that hope and affection have brought --  
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest affection are blest,  
For the season of plenty and well-deserved rest,  
For our country extending from sea unto sea;  
The land that is known as the "Land of the Free" --  
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

May each of you have a blessed Thanksgiving. I am so thankful for each of you who encourage and support this ministry to people who struggle with some great losses in their lives.



Thankfully serving together with you.

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## INTRODUCING THE TEAM!



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There are a number of churches that support County-Wide Chaplaincy financially, but I would like to mention one church that has been very supportive in a number of other ways. **Pastor Tim Crownover** served as one of our volunteer chaplains, but due to his heavy pastoral schedule, he now serves on our board. We hold our monthly chaplains' meetings at Northside Baptist.



A number of ladies process all the contributions that are received by County-Wide Chaplaincy. This is **Debbie Martin** who helps out at the church by counting the church's contributions each week. She assists the church secretary and does other volunteer work. Debbie serves as a "lunch buddy" as well as assists kids with homework, crafts and games at an apartment "kids club". Once a month she helps with a worship service for residents at Highland Terrace Nursing Center.

Another lady who assists with the recording of contributions is **Lema Dorst**. I just had to ask Lema how old she was, and she proudly told me 84. She has been at Northside Baptist for 21 years since its start in a home, then moved to a funeral home, then to Minnehaha Grange, till the present building was built in the early 1990s. During these years Lema has taught Sunday School, VBS, worked with women's ministries, as well as served as a volunteer for Hospice. **Thank you ladies for this behind the scenes labor of love.**



**Dave Johnson** has been at Northside for 16 years. He is married to Kristen and serves the church as Associate for Administration and Discipleship. Dave is a member of County-Wide Chaplaincy board and serves as our treasurer. He handles our tax exempt papers and insurance details as well as printing the year end tax receipts to contributors. We really appreciate Dave's work at keeping these financial matters in order. And we do thank the church for this contribution to the ministry of CWC.



I just love the often pithy statements that they put on their sign out by Minnehaha Street. Had to take a picture of this one!

