

# Mission Completed

Once again the North-eastern Iowa Synod has accepted a challenge and exceeded it!

Thank you. Thank you to every person, family, and congregation that contributed financially to the renewal of the Blair Court (Monopoly) houses at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque. Thank you to everyone who went to Dubuque and worked on the houses, thank you to everyone who provided meals, treats or a warm welcome to the workers.

Thank you to everyone who held this project in prayer. Thank you to the Naz builders of Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls who committed to this project and to the Nazareth Endowment, which contributed \$20,000 and challenged



the synod to match it (which we exceeded by more than \$4,000).

The seminary held a rededication at the end of October to celebrate the 10 houses that were renewed thanks to 2,680 volunteer hours given by 26 volunteers, and \$44,482 in cash gifts to purchase materials.

This project is a wonderful example of stewardship at its best. Some could contribute their talents in building skills, some could contribute their time in showing hospi-

tal to the builders, and some could contribute their treasures to purchase the necessary materials. Together we exceeded our goals and provided safer, more comfortable housing for families, and more energy efficient living which helps the environment and reduces utility expenses.

When we each contribute our best individually, together our offerings can do amazing things.

— Pastor Mark Anderson  
Assistant to the Bishop

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