

## Stewardship Program for the Pandemic

The traditional time for congregational stewardship programs is in the fall of the year. However, we don't know if congregations will be worshipping in-person this fall, either because they did not "open" or because they have closed again due to a second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

So I have created a stewardship

program that could be used if congregations are worshipping in person or not. This program is only a suggestion — you may use it or not, modify it to fit your context, or use it as a springboard to create something much better.

You can download the stewardship program "You Are Not Alone — A Multi-Platform Stewardship

Program for a Congregation in Pandemic" on the synod's Generosity web page, [www.neiasynod.org/ministries/generosity](http://www.neiasynod.org/ministries/generosity).

— *Pastor Mark A. Anderson*  
Assistant to the Bishop



## Fall Leadership Event Update

*Networks invited to meet online and report*

This year's Fall Leadership Event, originally set for Saturday, Sept. 19, in Waverly, will not take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Fall Leadership Event has been an opportunity for synod networks to meet in person to welcome new members and plan projects for the coming year. Those plans are then shared with the Synod Council, which meets that same afternoon.

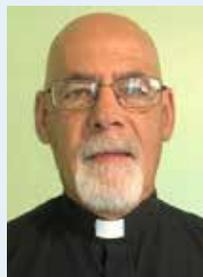
This year, instead of meeting in person, synod networks are encouraged to meet via electronic means at their convenience and report back to the Synod Council by Nov. 1 through their Synod Council liaison or they can email directly to Syd Brinkmann, Synod Council vice president, at [fourbrnk@netins.net](mailto:fourbrnk@netins.net).

The synod networks are Companion Synod-Hungary, Companion Synod-Namibia, Disaster Response, Home Life, Hunger, Lutheran Youth Orga-

## WELCOME SEMINARY GRADUATES

Two candidates assigned to the Northeastern Iowa Synod have completed their seminary studies in the TEEM program through Wartburg Theological Seminary. TEEM — Theological Education for Emerging Ministries — is a three-year certificate program for candidates age 40 or older to take online classes and work in a congregation that will become the pastor's first call.

**Clark Baldwin** earned his TEEM certificate working with One in Faith Lutheran Parish, where he will serve as an associate pastor for St. John, Arlington; Hope (Littleport), Elkader; St. Sebald, Strawberry Point; and St.



Paul, Volga. Baldwin has a bachelor's degree in finance from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn. He serves as camp director for Ewalu Camp & Retreat Center, Strawberry Point. Baldwin is married with two children and two grandchildren.

**John Sheahan** earned his TEEM certificate working with Bergen Lutheran, Roland, where he will serve as pastor. Sheahan has a master's degree from the University of Northern Iowa in education administration and previously served as middle school principal for Roland-Story Middle School. Sheahan is married with three children and four grandchildren.



nization, Men's Ministry, Generosity, AMMPARO Welcoming, and Racial Justice Advocacy. Committees that usually meet at the event include

the Compensation Committee and S.A.F.E. Ministry Team.