

Looking Back . . .

For the past 7+ years I had the privilege of being called by the synod to be a mission developer, working to develop a new congregation in the Holmen area which we called Bridge of Life. I am deeply thankful for all the generous gifts and multitude of prayers that were lifted up over the years for that process. About a year ago the call took a new direction after a sister congregation in Holmen, Christ the King suffered a congregation split and was in need of pastoral help.

After serving both congregations on a part time basis it became clear that there was an opportunity for a whole new ministry to emerge. The combined resources and energy of the two worshipping communities would make it possible to fulfill the mission of reaching out to unchurched in the Holmen area in new and exciting ways. This new ministry became known as Journey Lutheran Church. By the time you read this Journey Lutheran will have organized and become the newest congregation of the ELCA (Sun., Nov. 13) and my call from the synod as its developer will have ended. **Thank you again!** Although Journey Lutheran no longer has the title of a “mission start” it continues to be a congregation in mission. The resources you gave continue to bear fruit and you are invited to come and visit Journey Lutheran anytime as we continue seek ways to reach out.

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