

## Ministry Moment by Brandon Hansen – June 2023

I had shared this for our Church Council devotional, September 2022

We had done a ministry fair about serving a couple a few weeks before and wanted to see what I could find related to this.

I chose verse **1 Peter Chapter 4:10** "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

Being busy with family, work, and kids events the days seem to fly by. I need to often stop and take time to remember my time to serve God as well as the church. Being on Council has helped me to realize more of what it takes for a church to function. When I started on the council, I found out quickly how much I needed the others of the church to share their knowledge. So many different people are all willing to serve God by doing their part to serve or volunteer their time for Lord of Love. There are a variety of things done to serve the congregation as well as serving the community with the many ministries. They could be things done through physical work or even prayers for our fellow members. It's hard to imagine how many pages could be written with all the small to large tasks that are done in one month at the church by so many different people. Thanks to all of you for serving and willingness to help out one another as needed. Each council member, Pastor, and the congregation's spiritual gifts combined help to keep the church on a path to serve the whole church and the community around it.

The devotional ties into our stewardship team theme that was selected for this year, "**Community Grows Here**", based on **Romans 12:4-5**, which reads "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."

With this passage in mind the stewardship team and a few other volunteers have started to visit with members of the congregation.

We want to thank you all in advance as we learn more about you and share our connections with the Lord of Love community.