

Pastoral Presence
Living Stones
October 1, 2023

The children's sermons

Worshipping with my church family

Friends surrounding me when my brother died

Support my family received during my brother's diagnosis

Pastor Bruce's sermons

Women's group brought us dinner months after my dad died, 1997

Congregation pred for my daughter's upcoming surgery

The love and support shown to our family during a hard time financially

The sympathy cards I received at the time of my father's passing

Thank you for our fellow church members who have supported us during our past – good times and bad

The kindness and love of my first pastor, Rev. Obert Voll at Bethel Methodist Church in Mound

1960's Luther League – Flossie Warner

1980's Corrie ten Boom spoke at our church in Mound

Members of Our Father's Lutheran were caring and supportive for me when I had breast cancer surgery

When we lost our daughter to lung cancer, the whole church of Light of Christ, including Pastor Bruce, surrounded us with their love and caring

Mary Reynolds and Liz Benson, 2011



Joel Osteen's audiobooks, who rebuilt my confidence and fueled the fire of the Holy Spirit

My husband was an incredible pastoral presence when I was going through a time of high anxiety. He helped me through like no one else could.

Hi.....please, please say mine! ~Alice

My friends took great care of me after my surgery

My friend, Nikki, prayed with me through a difficult time and gave me a prophetic word from the Lord. That Word eased my heart and mind.

When my dad died

Elite 8 in Belize

Pastor and Cynthia came over the night before G. Bud's funeral

Pastor Sarah meeting with us prior to our marriage

My religion professor at Augsburg College

Host family in Australia

Cousin in College

Parents – Children's College Funds – 1st Christmas

In-laws – Surgery for our dog

Blessing 2000; Blessing 2016

Mom & Dad 1980

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Michels, 2022

Ray and Betty Arveson

Rick Rassier Augsburg College 1996

Trudy Semran, mentor

All of Pastor Bruce's sermons and genuine, authentic presence/care

Mission trip adults

Support of family, friend and coworker when my mom passed away

My family supporting me when I need it

An in-home caregiver for my mom. Prayed with her; listened to her; was a great source of grace and healing.

Mentor couple meetings

Love, support and presence in times of sickness and/or death of a family member

My friend, Rosey, who always up lifted me in prayer – during good times and difficult times. Her compassion is endless.

Pastor Bruce – giving the Gospel lesson from the heart

Friends and strangers provided meals for my family while I was recovering from an accident

New neighbors welcoming our family

Receipt of a daily devotion book filled with hand-written notes

I first came to LOC in 2001, after 9-11. Pastor Lee had the congregation join hands and pray. I felt so much peace and knew I had found my church home.

After my wife's passing, Pastor Bruce was there

Listening to LaDonna's sermons

Craig Nesson and Roger Field at Wartburg Seminary

When my first husband died, we wanted to inter his ashes at the columbarium in our Presbyterian Church in downtown Minneapolis. However, the current minister said he would not be allowed to be buried there. He judged my husband to be unworthy and refused him a place there. I went heartbroken to Pastor Bruce. He listened and helped me through that trauma. We placed my husband's ashes at Lakewood Cemetery. Pastor Bruce held a beautiful and healing service for me and the children. I am so thankful for his pastoral care always and particularized during this awful incident! *Lois Priester*

Pastor Bruce reaching out to get to know us

I pray for my dad. He has prostate cancer, and for him to be strong. *From Gabrick*