

LIFT Parish, LLC Historical Highlights

2020

- Pastor Scott Mauch resigned in February. A Transition Team with representatives from the Executive Committee and each full member congregation was formed to begin the call process.
- A new position of Ministry Coordinator was created with Sarah Sarty being hired in March. Her position is responsible for managing volunteers and programming for both Bridge of Hope & LIFT Away Hunger.
- A new position of Ministry Assistant was created with Rebecca Myers being contracted for the work. The position is responsible for preparing all worship documents (bulletin, powerpoint, leaders binders, etc.) for both St. Mark Lutheran & Trinity Lutheran.

2019

- Board structure changed to now have 2 lay representatives from each full member congregation as well as the pastor serving that congregation. This change was implemented to create an equal voice and to allow for broader participation in the leadership of LIFT through both the board and committees.
- Mission statement was adopted by the board at the February 2019 meeting:
 - Living in Faith Together as a team of churches we will be present, witness to God's love, hear the needs, serve our neighbor, and strive for justice.
- Mary Carmen Padilla was called jointly with the United Methodist Church to serve as pastor for Camino de Vida. Her husband, Leobardo Elizondo, will also be joining her in leading ministry as a volunteer.

2018

- Pastoral Intern Jake Nekoranec began his shared seminary internship with LIFT.

2017

- Pam Kensler hired as the Director of Discipleship & Outreach to serve all congregations of the LIFT Parish.

2016

- Pastor Scott Mauch called as the first LIFT Parish Pastor.
- 4 young adults served as summer interns.
- Incorporation as an LLC completed.

2015

- Camino de Vida approved as a Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community. Jose Rios hired as a licensed local lay pastor through the UMC to serve as leader.
- LIFT becomes Living in Faith Together as the involvement extends beyond the Lutheran churches and geographically outside of Fremont only.

2014

- Vicar Erin Burns began her shared seminary internship with LIFT.

2011

- LIFT was “born” through the joint event, Love Your Neighbor Day. Love Your Neighbor Day is an event to reach out to neighbors in need and assist homeowners with needed repairs and/or cleaning.
- At this time LIFT was Lutherans Involved in Fremont Together.