CLERGY REPORT TO CHURCH CONFERENCE Linda Loessberg-Zahl November 23, 2024

"Love is our only hope.

It is not always the easiest choice,
but it is always the right one,
the noble path,
the way home to safety,
no matter how bleak the future looks."

Ann Lamott, Somehow: Thoughts on Love

It is a joy to be a participant at The Table:

to be rooted in the all-inclusive grace of God, to grow in a faith lived in the world, to reach in love together.

I am grateful for the witness to the love of God embodied in the ministry of The Table, even or especially when it calls me beyond myself for the sake of love, justice, equity, and inclusion.

I continue to appreciate the vision and courage of Pastor Linda and Pastor Matt along with the many generous and wise leaders and the community of The Table. It is a privilege to share life with all of you.

Opportunities in ministry over the past year:

- I am grateful to have been invited to read scripture and lead worship occasionally at The Table over the past year.
- In addition, the leadership of a Kitchen Table has grounded me in faith and community.
- I have also worked as an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist over the last year. (While not an official "ministry beyond the local church" it has been a meaningful form of service for me.)

Thankful for our journey together