

# THE Pen PALS



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## WELCOME TO PALS!

To pastors receiving this newsletter for the first time-WELCOME! The PenPALS newsletter is a monthly communication between the PALS office and our PALS participants, districts, and facilitators. Please know you are in our prayers as you enter full time service as a parish pastor. God bless you.

-the PALS Office

## Joyful Thanksgiving

Dear PALS Family,

In this newsletter you see the pictures of our PALS facilitators across the Synod. As I look at these pictures, it reminds me of how thankful I am for each and every one of them! If you are reading this as a facilitator – thank you for your sacrificial and loving service to our new pastors, their wives, their families, and their congregations. Having so many of you in St. Louis at the end of June helped me realize even more how important your work is in the care of our pastors and their families. To all our facilitators – WE APPLAUD YOU with joyful and thankful hearts! Thank you and God bless.

Jim

Rev. Dr. James Baneck, Executive Director of Pastoral Education

**THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US AND WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY**  
*{psalm 126:3}*

## PALS Annual Facilitator Training Event



PALS Facilitators—experienced and new, joined together for the Annual Training Event, June 27-28 in St. Louis.



## Meet our 2017-2018 PALS Facilitators

### NEW to the PALS Facilitator Family!



Rev. Jim and Sally Bender, KS



Rev. John and Kathleen Berg, SW



Rev. Kirk and Lori Clayton, SI



Rev. John and Vicki Jameson, IN



Rev. Kenneth and Vickie Mars, WY



Rev. Jonathan and Emma Meyer, OK



Rev. Guy and Emily Roberts, MNN



Rev. David and Kassie Weaver, CI



Rev. Douglas and Robyn Adams, MI



Rev. Phill and Monica Andreasen, IW/MNS



Rev. Randy and Connie Bard, TX

### Continuing to Serve!



Rev. Andy and Nikki Becker, MO



Rev. Mark and Lynn Boxman, KS



Rev. Cory and Deb Burma, NEB



Rev. Andrew and Caitlin Dinger, NJ



Rev. Bill and Janis Hessler, MI



Rev. Barry and Sylvia Hildebrandt, MDS



Rev. Eric and Heather Hiner, TX



Rev. Siegfried and Diane Kunz, SO



Rev. Mark and Christy Leckband, IE



Rev. Gregory and Renee Lehr, SD



Rev. Francis and Kay Lieb, MO



Rev. Michael and Liz Lutz, MI



Rev. Jonathan and Tiffany Manor, NE



Rev. Mark and Julie Middendorf, NEB



Rev. Leonard and Lori Payton, NI



Rev. Nate and Sarah Reichle, NW



Rev. Dr. John and Valerie Reynolds, SO



Rev. Vern and Dee Sandersfeld, MT



Rev. Charles and Brenda Schmidt, NEB



Rev. Alan and Linda Struckmeyer, FG



Rev. David and Ginny Vanderhyde, RM



Rev. Bernard and Carolyn Worral, ND

**Not Pictured:**

Rev. Stephen and Heidi Lutz, OH  
Rev. Thomas and Cyndi Lutz, EA

# What's PALS all about?

The goal of the Post Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) is that newly-placed pastors faithfully, competently, and joyfully apply and further develop their knowledge, skills, and person in relation to those they serve in the specific context of their ministries, and that pastors' wives are aided and supported as both make the transition from life in the seminary to life in the parish.

Newly placed pastors meet periodically (up to 6 times/year) in small groups and participate in learning activities.

PALS facilitators develop learning communities of collegial pastors and provide guidance as the new pastors begin the work of pastoral ministry.

“PALS has provided me with a valuable life-line in the day-to-day struggle unique to the family of the pastor.”

-PALS Participating Pastor

