



February 12, 2025

The Rev. Matt Smith and Members of the Congregation
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
10 N. Liberty Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Dear Pastor Smith and Members of St. Mark's:

Thank you all for the partnership between St. Marks Lutheran Church and Lutheran Services Carolinas! The ministry space that you provide allows all of us together through LSC to provide much-needed community safety net services! We lose money on every one of these programs, but with your partnership we accomplish our mutual mission to offer Abundant Living for all we serve.

St. Mark's space allows LSC to serve newly arrived refugee families in the greater Asheville region. With your help, we can not only continue to make a difference, but help them live abundant lives. Christ calls us to be there for our neighbor and your congregation surely answers that call.

We are the church together, and thank you again for your partnership! If LSC can assist in any way, please call me. If there are any concerns with our partnership, as I know partnering is not without its issues, please call me. LSC wants to be your best partner so we can all be proud of the work we are doing together. And please share our letter and sentiments in your newsletter so that every member of the congregation is aware of and thanked for our ministry together.

Yours in Christ,

A blue ink signature of Ted W. Goins, Jr.

Ted W. Goins, Jr.
President and CEO

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c: Bishop Tim Smith
North Carolina Synod of the ELCA