

## Genesis Lutheran Church of the North American Lutheran Church

Why yet another Lutheran Church? To some it may seem divisive or unchristian to start another church when it is obviously of utmost importance to Jesus that believers would be united as one. However, people of the NALC felt it was necessary to break away from the ELCA for many reasons. Most of the reasons would come under the subject heading “The Authority of Scripture.”

Well, if we had to sever ties with the ELCA, why not join the Missouri Synod or the Wisconsin Synod or Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ? We differ with the Missouri and Wisconsin Synods because we believe in open communion and in the ordination of women. We differ from LCMC in structure. LCMC is a more loosely bound together group without the benefit of a bishop. We in the NALC have been blessed with our beloved bishop, Bishop John Brodosky. He is truly a pastor to pastors.

### **CORE VALUES:**

#### **Christ-Centered**

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

#### **Mission-Driven**

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

#### **Traditionally-Grounded**

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

## **Congregationally-Focused**

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.

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Pastor's friend Kim wrote: "I was reading over my journaling a bit ago and want to share an entry, . . . I fear I am becoming my mother! It sounds like I share her tale of gloom and doom! " I fear for the coming judgment of the United States - our Country has fallen so far, so fast. Immorality and injustice run rampant! A strong work ethic and self sufficiency have turned tail and run. . . We have become a people of weak will and greedy hands . . . A deep sense of entitlement runs through our veins, a fear of the Lord and coming judgment invites ridicule and scorn. I fear O Lord,. . . raise up Your people O God - let us speak boldly and unapologetically about our coming judgment for we have sinned against You and turned away from Your truth. We mock and humiliate Your people who speak truth and cry out for repentance - - how long will You wait O Lord before you wipe us from the face of the earth, like you did the Assarians in the time of Nahum? *I beg You, show us the way to restoration as a Nation under God, . . . before it's too late!*

The scripture I noted was Nahum 1:3 The Lord is slow to get angry but His power is great and He never lets the guilty go unpunished. Also Habakkuk 3:2 And as You bring judgment, as You surely must, remember Mercy!

Perhaps it's time for a little light reading?!!

She added: " I am just reminded again, and again while reading the prophets of how seriously God takes sin. Our complacency frightens me, our "just letting things slide" I fear will indeed bring us to the bottom of a very slippery slope!  
I too look up to the giver and perfecter of our faith. Praise God for what He IS doing and for what He is going to do!