

According to Ephesians 4:11, God calls people to various roles of Christian ministry. Through this divine act, God established the human means for the spiritual care of His people. Tonight, as we celebrate the call and ministry of our pastors Steve and Lisa, we worship God our Savior, and we commit ourselves to hold in high esteem those He has charged with our spiritual nurture and care. While all believers are spiritually gifted to share in the Church's mission, Pastors are God's specially chosen leaders for our endeavors. We also pledge to be ministers to others with Christian love, and we renew our willingness to do God's will as He reveals it to us and to our church.

And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12



Pastor Appreciation Celebration

*Pastor Steve & Lisa Defee
Luverne First Assembly*

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Our Pastor

Our Pastor has a thankless job
In many different ways;
He gets a lot of helpful hints,
But gets so little praise!

The time he has is not his own---
He's not like other men;
Right when he thinks some time is his
There rings that phone again!

Someone is sick or needs advise,
And asks for him to call;
And as God's man they know he'll come,
And hardly mind at all.

The wisdom of King Solomon
Is all he needs each day
To lead his flock and keep them safe
From Satan's cunning ways!

Like Jesus he prays for his sheep---
Prays faith will never dim;
But when we lift our prayers to God
How many pray for him?

So let's be faithful to that one
Who helps us day by day
Let's not forget our man of God
When we kneel down to pray!

---from The Sawdust Trail

Your Preacher's Wife

There is one person in your church
who knows your preacher's life.
She has wept and smiled and prayed with him,
and that's your preacher's wife.
She knows one prophet's weakest point
and knows his greatest power.
She's heard him speak in trumpet tone
in his greatest triumph hour.
She's heard him groaning in his soul
when bitter raged the strife,
as hand in his she knelt with him,
for she's the preacher's wife.

You tell your tales of prophets brave
who walked across the world
and changed the course of history
by burning words they hurled.
And I will tell how back of them
some women lived their lives,
Who wept with them and smiled with them.
They were the preacher's wives.

-Theodore Epp