

## 2019 Mission Endowment Fund Recipient – To Hell with the Hot Dish!

*In 2019, the Mission Endowment Fund granted \$80,000 to 29 ministries.*

*This is one of the ministries.*

This podcast is sometimes whacky, sometimes whimsical, sometimes deeply moving, but always entertaining as our younger leaders and pastors keep lively conversations going between hilarious gasps of laughter and good humor. The Mission Endowment Fund has supported this new, modern ministry with grants for two years, helping to get the podcast established as a resource for the church and to purchase state of the art equipment. Pastor Kyle Rouze and his cohorts have created a unique ministry that serves all who are ready to take this leap.

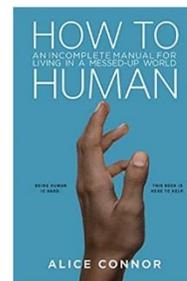


Pastor Rouze says: “Weekly listens of past episodes continue at about 200 a week. We have 119 episodes for folks to go back and enjoy. We are excited to try a new series that will be easily found and utilized by congregations, leaders and listeners.”

Recently I have brought on Pastor Kyle Symanski in Valley City, ND and Director of Youth and family Jonathan Lys to the broadcasts. We have spent the last year developing new formats and new ideas. They have brought new energy and enthusiasm that has furthered the desire to make the podcast an important resource for the church. In this year ahead, Jonathan will be starting seminary, so we are excited for him and are busy working on new recording topics and schedules. This fall, we plan to release some shorter episodes geared around the small catechism and what it means to be a Lutheran.

People always are drawn to topics and people of interest. So, we also plan to continue episodes with news topics and some interviews with interesting people living out their faith in various ways. Some of our favorite interviews this past year were:

- Jacqueline Busse (author of [Love without Limits](#)).
- Josh Irwin (local Fort Worth Musician at Synod Assembly)
- Alice Conner (author of [How to Human](#))
- Pastor Amy Gillespie and Pastor Amy Diller (women in ministry)



As a pastor, I continually get parishioners asking what the “Lutheran” perspective is. We feel a series on the catechism would be of interest and benefit for other congregations to use in their Adult Education circles.

The funds from the MEF grant, have helped us to maintain our hosting site (Soundcloud) annual fees that store our episodes for public download. Money has gone to purchase storage space through Dropbox. This allows us to easily share our files with each other that helps us put together a show. We purchased an external hard drive to back up our episodes. We have purchased music that helps with final production. We continue to use funds to tweak our website through Squarespace to best utilize our services through them. We are deeply grateful for the assistance of Mission Endowment Fund to make this ministry possible.

Our host site: <https://soundcloud.com/thwth>

You can now also find us by searching “to hell with the hotdish” on iTunes, GooglePlay and Spotify.

**Go on! Give it a listen!!**



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