



ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

We invite you to help celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Ordination of Pastor Gary Fortkamp, who served your congregation from 1973-1974. Pastor Fortkamp continues to serve the Lord and His people as an active pastor for our congregation and some of churches near us! For 60 years he has shared the Law and the Gospel, the truth and the grace of Jesus.

On July 26, 2026 we will celebrate the Lord's ministry through Pastor Fortkamp in our morning Services. At 1:00pm, we'll host an Open House. We know Pastor and Gloria would thank God for your greetings and your presence. If you can join us, please do so (RSVP to office@stjohnsLCMS.net or 217-342-4334). Otherwise, any cards and remembrances can be sent to our church offices at the address above. If you have any questions, please contact me.

It's a gift of God that any man can serve as a pastor, for it's only by grace that any are saved or useful to the Lord. It's truly worth celebrating when a man is allowed to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his ordination. Pastor often ends his sermons by declaring "to God be the glory, great things He has done; so loved He the world that He sent us His Son!" Join us in saying "Amen!"

Sincerely, in Christ,

Pastor Mike Burdick
Sr. Pastor