

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE St. Martin's Council

The St. Martin's Lutheran Church Council is excited to announce that St. Martin's will be served by Transitional Pastor Rev. Alan J. Watt beginning on March 8. To welcome him that day, we will have one service at 10:00 a.m. followed by a potluck. Here is some background information from Pr. Watt:

A native of Ohio, Pastor Watt is a graduate of the University of Toledo and Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Prior to ordination, he completed a chaplaincy internship at Baptist Medical Center (San Antonio). Some years later he returned to school, earning a PhD. in religion (Vanderbilt University). Other academic pursuits have included teaching for a brief time as an adjunct instructor at the then Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest, as well as authoring *Farm Workers and the Churches: The Movement in California and Texas*, for which he received the 2012 Paul J. Folk Award from the Texas Catholic Historical Society.

Pastor Watt has served congregations in Florida, Tennessee, Texas, and most recently in Pennsylvania. Many of them have been churches in pastoral transition, a ministry that he has found both fulfilling and challenging.

He and his spouse, Deborah - a retired preschool teacher - enjoy traveling, taking long walks, and exploring independent coffee houses and cafes. They have two children--a daughter who lives in Brooklyn and works at a nonprofit agency and a son who is employed as a wild-land firefighter in the Far West.

Pastor Watt is very much looking forward to sharing the Lord's work with the people of St. Martin's during this time in the life of the congregation.