



February 20, 2025

Family of Christ Lutheran Church  
16345 Polk St NE  
Ham Lake, Minnesota 55304-5317

Dear Members of Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Ham Lake, Minnesota,

Grace and peace be with you!

My name is Tim Taylor, I am President of Samaritans Hill Lutheran Church in Albertville, Minnesota. I am writing you on behalf of Pastor Kenneth Harste who served as your pastor from 2007-2011. Pastor Harste has often shared how his heart is filled with gratitude for the time he was blessed to serve you. He has talked often of the memories he has of your worship, ministry and life together.

I am writing to share that Pastor Harste has decided to retire and to announce that we are planning a celebration as he transitions to this new chapter in his life. It would be such a joy if you were able to join us in celebrating Pastor Ken's 42+ years in ministry.

We are celebrating this event on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, beginning at approximately 11:30a, immediately following our morning worship. Samaritans Hill Lutheran Church is located at 6826 Laketowne Place NE, Albertville, MN 55301.

We know that the presence of any of the members of Family of Christ would mean a great deal to Pastor Harste. Additionally, if any members or former members are able to attend and would like to express their reflections and the impact Pastor Harste's ministry made on their life during our planned program, please contact me. Video expressions may also be shared. Cards and well-wishes can be sent to Pastor Harste c/o the church at the above address.

We ask that those able to physically attend kindly RSVP to myself, Tim Taylor, at [timtaylor825@gmail.com](mailto:timtaylor825@gmail.com) or text 763-439-3360 by Easter, April 20th, 2025.

We are looking forward to thanking God together for our shared gift of Pastor Harste and his efforts for us to know, see, and experience the love that God has for us in Jesus Christ.

In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Taylor".

Tim Taylor, President, Samaritans Hill Lutheran Church