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Dear Members of our Faith Family,

We have come to the end of another Call deliberation experience together. I thank you for your willingness to share your thoughts with me about my service at Faith and your hopes regarding Faith's future. My family and I are also always very appreciative of the prayers you have offered for us during these occasional Call episodes, but also all the prayers you offer for us.

I am returning the Call extended to me by St. Paul of Mauston, Wisconsin. I will continue to serve as a pastor at Faith. My conversations with folks from St. Paul regarding their future ministry plans were again very interesting and encouraging for me. Please join me in continuing our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Mauston as they work to fill their vacancy asking the Lord to answer their prayers very soon with a new pastor.

I remain convinced the Lord has much planned for us to still do together here in Antioch. Despite the challenges of the last two years I believe Faith remains a very special place with many unique opportunities. It is always a joy and privilege to serve the Lord among you, and with you. Our partnership in the gospel is something I have never taken for granted. I hope we will continue to pray for each other and also engage one another in all the ways our Savior defines for us in his Word: worship, study, fellowship, compassion, service and reaching out with the gospel to the lost. So many blessings are still out there for us to realize.

Words of the Apostle Paul again come to mind at the resolution of another Call deliberation: *"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."* Pastor Paul defines the relationship between pastors and people so well. I pray this continues to always be our focus as we serve the Lord together.

Serving Christ with You,

Edward C. Ungemach, III
Presiding Pastor