



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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The Rev. Paul Lutz, Pastor

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Members and friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

After prayerful consideration, I've decided to retire from active parish ministry. This means that my service as your pastor is coming to an end. My last Sunday in worship with you will be Sunday, June 26, 2022, and my official retirement date will be June 30, 2022.

Although our time together has been short, it has been uniquely full. For 3 years we have laughed, cried, celebrated, and grieved together. We have explored scripture together. We have wrestled with what it means to be the church today. And perhaps most significantly we've walked through a pandemic that has changed so much. It will be difficult to say goodbye. And yet, it is time for me to go.

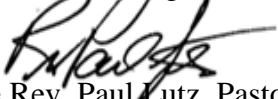
After 39 years as a pastor, not far from 70 years of age, having served five congregations in as many states, it seems the right time for me to end the adventure of serving the church as a called pastor.

You need someone who has the energy and insight to bring you out of this pandemic into a new era for this congregation, to build on what we've started. You need someone who will help you vision and live into the new realities ahead, striving to be faithful in a new season. I don't think I am that person anymore. I am weary. I lack the resolve necessary to continue exploring creative ministry. It is time for me to retire.

The Rev. Steven Wilco, Associate to the Bishop will work with your leadership during this transition time. There will be time for reflection, critical examination, and a hopeful call process.

It is my hope and prayer that we can use these remaining weeks to celebrate our life together. Let's recognize the connections we've had and give thanks to God for bringing us together in this place and time. Let's walk one more time toward the Festival of Pentecost, immersing ourselves in God's grace, and anticipating the Spirit breathing through us with new and exciting possibilities of future faithfulness.

The future belongs to God,



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