

Dear People of Sheridan Lutheran Church,

February 5, 2022

Mark 6:6-7

Then he [Jesus] went about the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits."

As we, Pastors Rhonda and Eric, write this letter together, our hearts are filled with gratitude and love as we reflect on our many years of ministry at Sheridan Lutheran Church with all of you. After a long period of discernment, together, we are resigning our calls as associate pastors of Sheridan Lutheran Church, effective February 28, 2022.

With our resignation, we also celebrate our many years of service among you. Pastor Rhonda began on staff at Sheridan in August of 2007 and Pastor Eric joined staff in July of 2012. Combining these years of service, the Bostroms have served at Sheridan 24 years! Thank you for letting us be your pastors and friends in Christ. We have countless moments of shared faith with all of you - the highs and lows and everything in between. It is humbling to consider what God has done through our relationships here and shared faith with you. Sheridan has been an amazing place to serve. We give God thanks for all of these years with you.

As we resign our calls with you, we begin new pastoral calls in our Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Pastor Rhonda has been called as Lead Pastor to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mercer Island, Washington. Pastor Eric has been called as Lead Pastor to Mountain View Lutheran Church, Edgewood, Washington. Both of these churches are in the greater metro area of Seattle and Tacoma, Washington.

Your imprint upon our hearts and lives will continue to inspire us to serve in these new ministry calls. We will regularly consult the wisdom we gleaned from this place as we serve in these new congregations. Please know that our prayers are with you as you transition through this time. We ask for your prayers as well.

Please join us in celebration on Sunday, February 20 following each worship service as we have fellowship following each service in the Family Life Center. This will be our last Sunday at Sheridan.

Always remember the words of Jesus from Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid." Keep shining your light people of God at Sheridan Lutheran Church and the Bostroms will do likewise.

Thank you for sharing ministry together for so many years. God loves you and we do too!

With peace,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'Rhonda Bostrom' and the second, on the right, is 'Eric Bostrom'. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastors Rhonda and Eric Bostrom