

Pastor Kurt E. Luebke
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St. Paul Lutheran Church
147 West Forest Street
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Dear members of St. Paul congregation,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Krystal and I are humbled and grateful to hear that you called us to serve you as pastor and wife at St. Paul Lutheran Church this past Sunday at your voter's meeting.

We sincerely believe that the Holy Spirit is leading us to accept this call. We are excited about moving to Clyde, beginning our ministry in your midst, and getting to know each one of you personally!

We also look forward to settling into the community, getting to know the residents there and working with you to reach out to those who don't know Jesus through works of mercy and love and by sharing His life-changing Gospel.

We are praying for you and we believe that you are praying for our family as we plan and execute our move from the Pacific Northwest to Northwest Ohio and the Clyde community.

Until then God's grace and peace be with you.

In His love,

Pastor Kurt Luebke and family

Call Committee Update

Grace and Peace to the congregation of St. Paul,

The call committee recommended Pastor Kurt Luebkehan at the congregational meeting that was held on Aug 12, 2018. I am happy to say that the vote was unanimous in favor of calling Pastor Kurt.

Pastor Kurt Luebkehan is an ordained pastor for over 30 years. He received his Diploma from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in 1981 and then his Master of Divinity in Tacoma, WA. He is from the West Coast and his father was a Lutheran Minister. He has served several churches for 9 years, 8 years and currently has been serving his church, Faithful Savior Lutheran Church since 2000. He is in good standing on the LCMC roster. He served in Canal Winchester, OH where he met his wife, Crystal and they have 2 children, ages 21 and 18. Their son and her parents live in Ohio and they are looking to return to Ohio.

The committee met with Pastor Kurt over the phone and via skype. We also met him and his wife when they were in Ohio visiting her mother and their son in July. We had very good conversations with him and he believes that the primary growth of our faith is a clear, loving proclamation of Law and Gospel along with the proper administration of the Holy Sacraments.

I am happy to say that Pastor Kurt has accepted the call and will be getting back with us on details of his move and start date. Praise be to God!

I want to thank the call committee for all their hard work and good conversation to come to this decision. Thank you to Lisa Rieman, Fred Gesell, Fred Bouyack, Karen Jess and Tim Billings. Thank you also to DeAnn Krauss, John Dagg the council representatives and Jen Rawson, youth director. Everyone had valuable input. I would also like to thank the congregation for all of the prayers and trust for the committee during the last 18 months.

Thank you to Pastor Rog for his willingness to continue as our interim Pastor and for his input when asked, to the committee on this process and candidates. It has been a blessing to work with Pastor Rog and Leslie.

Hopefully this will be the last update needed to be given to the congregation, other than Pastor Kurt's acceptance.

God's Blessings to all,

Deanna Turner

Call Committee Chair