

Pastor Keith Prekker

Greetings friends and family at Christ the Servant,

I am pleased to inform you that an interim pastor has been selected and will start at Christ the Servant on Thursday, December 1st.

Interim Ministry

Interim ministry is primarily one of Word and Sacrament, but following the resignation or retirement of a congregation's pastor, the interim pastor can assist the congregation with the transition.

Every congregation has the opportunity during the interim period to reflect upon the congregation's mission and ministry. A time of saying "farewell" leads to the opportunity for a fresh start. A congregation must be ready to welcome and trust a new leader.

Interim ministry is especially meaningful following an extended pastorate or the resolution of recent separation. This ministry is usually done by a person who has received special interim ministry training.

An agreement between Bishop Allan, Pastor Keith Prekker and the Council was finalized during the recent council meeting.

Pastor Keith will:

- Preach and teach the Word of God.
- Preside at worship and administer the sacraments according to the practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- Provide pastoral care to all members of the congregation according to our needs and uphold us in prayer.
- Give pastoral leadership for the meetings, activities and organizations of the congregation as time allows.
- Encourage us to support the total ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- Be responsible for the recording of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, funerals, attendance at Holy Communion, and the maintenance of the membership rosters; and report the statistics of the congregation promptly and fully as requested by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- Represent the Office of the Bishop by assisting the Call Committee in the call process. The Interim Pastor shall refrain, however, from exerting influence in the calling of a new pastor.

Pastor Keith has been involved in the Lutheran community of Broomfield, Erie and Boulder County for many years. He previously was the pastor at Cross of Christ in Broomfield and was instrumental in establishing Rejoice Lutheran in Lafayette/Erie. Today, he is retired but has continued to serve as an interim pastor for other congregations and as a supply pastor. Look for Pastor Keith's article in the upcoming December newsletter.

A Litany of Welcome will be scheduled in December to formally welcome Pastor Keith.

Happy Thanksgiving Week,

Charlie

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns.

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