

Dear Members of Lutheran Church of the Cross,

It is with great joy and excitement that I look forward to serving your congregation as the winter LCC Associate Pastor.

My wife, Karen, and I will be joining you in November. We both grew up in Ludington, Michigan, where we were married in 1971. We have two sons, Michael, who is the Research Quality and Innovation Manager for Schoep's Ice Cream in Madison, Wisconsin. Michael and his wife Mary have three children, Audrey age 10, Carson age 7, and Jillian age 4. Our younger son, Matthew, is the Senior Electrical Engineer for EXP U.S. Services in Glendale, California, where he works in the entertainment branch of his company with corporations like Sea World and Disney.

I am a 1975 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois. My 42 years of ministry were spent between three congregations:

St. John Lutheran Church in Williams Lake, British Columbia, Canada
1975-1981

St. John Lutheran Church in Summerland, British Columbia, Canada
1981-1992

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Tomahawk, Wisconsin
1992-2017

Karen is a graduate of Muskegon Business College. When she was not raising our two sons, she was employed as a secretary. In Tomahawk, she worked in the office at the High School and also was a Paraprofessional in Special Education.

We are both looking forward to new challenges as our lives move from serving 3 congregations into retirement. As I wasn't ready to retire from ministry, I thank God for the opportunity to continue serving Him in your midst where I can continue to do the three things I love: to teach, preach, and offer pastoral care.

With Forward Looking Eyes to serve Him,

Pastor Mark & Karen Schoenherr