



# St. John's Lutheran Church & School

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace to you from our Lord and our Savior, Jesus Christ!

I want to inform you that on Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, I notified Bruce Brendle, Michael Smith, and Pastor Arendell to let them know that after much prayer, God has led me to return (decline) the Call to serve as Senior Pastor at St. Peter. Throughout this process of deliberation it was a blessing to meet with you, worship with you, and witness firsthand the ongoing work that God is doing through you at St. Peter.

This was, no doubt, a very difficult decision – since it was quite evident that St. Peter is a very special place made up of wonderful people. In fact, after spending time with you, the decision was all the more challenging. Your warm welcome and your ongoing faithfulness to Jesus and His Great Commission was a joy to witness. None-the-less, I feel that God has reaffirmed my Call to serve at St. John's.

Shelley and I thank you for your prayers throughout this time of deliberation. I believe God has brought clarity regarding His plan for me, and it's my prayer that He would continue to do the same for you as He points you to the man He has already chosen to serve as your next Senior Pastor.

God's richest blessings to all of you; and may our Lord Jesus lead you with His Spirit as you continue to faithfully serve Him, His people, and your surrounding community.

Saved to serve,

Rev. Kurt Wenzelburger  
Senior Pastor  
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*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 2:3-5*