

May 10, 2022

St. Peter Lutheran Church & School
17051 24 Mile Road
Macomb, MI 48042

Dear members of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Macomb, MI,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.

Anna and I pray that you have had and continue to have a joyous celebration of the Resurrection! As I shared a few weeks ago, it is an honor to have received the Call to serve as your Director of Traditional Music, and I am thankful for and appreciate your confidence that I could serve well among you in this position. I am very grateful for the time that Pastor Wenzelburger and the leadership have given to answering our questions and in helping us get to know St. Peter. God has truly blessed your ministry in Macomb.

Through our prayers for discernment over these weeks of deliberation, I have reached the decision to accept the Lord's call to serve at St. Peter and greatly look forward to serving with and among you as we receive and share in God's good and gracious gifts of Word and Sacrament, and as we in response offer our songs of thanksgiving and praise for all He has done. We have not finalized our timeline, though we have commitments through the end of June here in Little Rock and will work with the leadership of St. Peter and our present congregation of Grace in determining our arrival.

Very importantly, please continue to keep your brothers and sisters in Christ at Grace Lutheran Church of Little Rock in your prayers as they prepare to enter a Director of Parish Music vacancy. They have been a blessing to us, and we pray that the Lord would provide for them as they continue His work in Little Rock.

We joyfully look forward to joining you at St. Peter and getting to know you as we set out for the Lord's work at hand. May He continue to bless you!

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Russell".

Charles Russell

cc: Rev. Dr. Roger C. Paavola, Rev. Dr. David P.E. Maier
cc.: Rev. William Zwick, Ms. Julie Tyler, Mr. Travis Grulke