

Dear friends in Christ:

Congratulations on your 75th Anniversary! You have been a faithful reflection of the body of Christ for so many years! You have attended to God's mission in your neighborhood and far beyond. You have heard the promise of God's love in Jesus Christ, and have taken that with you into your daily lives. I thank God for what has been and for what will be!

I am truly an outlier in Windsor Heights' history of long pastorates, having served among you for just two years. It was a wonderful experience for our family. I enjoyed serving with Pastor Rehfeldt, as well as strong staff and leaders. I know Nancy agrees, that we experienced warm hospitality and friendship among you. The Windsor Heights community exuded a deep sense of joy in its worship and mission.

My departure from Windsor Heights set in motion what would become a bit of a pastoral specialty for me: walking with congregations through major transition and redevelopment.

I served Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in south Minneapolis (a mile south of US Bank Stadium) for eleven years. The 1912 church building was destroyed by fire in 1995, and in 2000 we moved into a modern structure that continues to serve that congregation very well. I then served as Lead Pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington for seven years.

In August 2015, I took a Leave from Call to develop a business (it didn't develop), but after just a few months began serving as an interim pastor. I ended up serving three metro Twin Cities congregations during pastoral transitions.

Just over a year ago, I began my current call to Calvary Lutheran Church in south Minneapolis, and will be here until retirement, or until we complete a major transition forced upon us, in part, by a building that is in very poor condition.

Nancy will retire in June from the Minneapolis Public Schools, where she has taught at Washburn and Southwest High Schools. In addition to thirty-four years of teaching, she has also served as adjunct professor of music education at St. Olaf College, where she has taught secondary choral methods.

During her teaching career, Nancy developed a passion for musical theater. In 2017, she became the Founding Artistic Director of Cedar Summerstock Theater, a college company, in Osage, Iowa, which attracts talented musical theater students from throughout the country. (Come and see a show!)

Since graduating from Luther College in 2008, Danny, our oldest, has worked in college/university development, until two years ago when he became Director of Major Giving for the Be the Match Foundation (National Marrow Donor Program) in Minneapolis.

Lars has been a professional musical theater actor in the Twin Cities, following graduation from the Hartt School in Connecticut, and currently works as a welder/fabricator. He and his wife, Alex, live in West St. Paul, where they do art and design projects in their spare time.

Marcus, who was born in Des Moines, is in graduate school at the University of Houston, Moores School of Music, studying vocal performance/opera.

I hope that's not too much information!

Thank you for allowing me to serve among you so many years ago. Blessings to all of you! I look forward to hearing about the new ways the Spirit is leading you in the years to come!

Yours, in Christ,
Pastor Hans Lee