

# NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***“In many and various ways God spoke to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he spoke to us by a son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom he created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power.”***

(Hebrews 1:1-3) Thus begins the Letter to the Hebrews by the Apostle Paul.

After the work of Christ was completed here on earth and he ascended into heaven, he sent his Holy Spirit to dwell in his believers. Now God speaks to us individually and through the power of the Word. We call pastors to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. The pastor is not called so we can hear their word; but rather they are called to preach God’s word which brings life, love, joy, and peace to our restlessness.

Our congregation is at another juncture in its history of preaching and listening to the Gospel. Conversation with United Lutheran in Prairie Farm will be moving forward after both Church Councils voted unanimously to proceed with discussions to share their pastor. We have been proceeding slowly so we absorb this mindset of a shared pastor.

Spiritually, we are moving toward a god-centered decision. We are permitting his Holy Spirit to speak to us personally and collectively. What we decide together we want God’s divine approval for our mission and ministry. As Jesus and the disciples reflected the glory of God, we also want to reflect the glory of God at New Scandinavia.

I believe faithful Christ-centered people make good and right decisions. We cannot make wrong decisions if they are made out of love. The way of love is most aptly described in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. . . ***“Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.”***

As you read this pastors letter, I will simply ask you to keep your church and its future in your thoughts and prayers. May we all learn through our slow process of decision making that this indeed is how God usually works. It may be the way he wants us all to work too. Pensively, slowly and steadily, demonstrating love for one another and even ourselves!

In Christ, Pastor Ron, Interim Pastor