



St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we are able to inform you that Church Council and the Call Committee unanimously voted to invite Pastor David Phillips, a Pastoral Candidate, to preach on Sunday August 30th at the 9:00 a.m. Service.

A brief question and answer session will be held after the service for congregation members to have the opportunity to ask any questions to Pastor Phillips. After the congregation has finished with their questions we will proceed to vote on the call. You must be present to vote and we will need a quorum. See the attached biography of Pastor Phillip's background and experience.

We will be taking steps to ensure that we have seats available for everyone while maintaining Social Distancing.

Thank you and God Bless,

April Quinn

Chairperson of Call Committee

Reuben Pink

Congregational President

Rev. David M. Phillips
A Brief Biography

I was born (along with my twin sister) in a Naval Hospital in Newport, Rhode Island (my father served for 25 years in the US Navy), but I grew up in southwest Georgia where my parents were from. I did not grow up in the Church; I came to Christ and His Church at the age of 14 when my oldest brother, Michael, died at the age of 24. I knew early on that I was called to be a pastor. I was ordained in the United Methodist Church in June 1984 and served UM churches in Georgia and Ohio. I also spent a year in England (1992-1993) doing graduate research in Old Testament studies. During our journey in Christ, I left the UMC (2005) and was welcomed into the Lutheran church (LCMC and NALC) and served in Michigan and Wisconsin. My wife, Jessie, and I lived in Dearborn, Michigan, for 6 years, for 5 of which I was employed as HR Administrator in a small biotech company in Detroit.

I currently serve Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon, a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church, where I have been for almost 9 years. During that time, Immanuel has received 165 new members and celebrated 70 baptisms (2 young adults). I am passionate about ministry and about the Church, its worship, ministries, fellowship, and discipleship. In addition to preaching, I love teaching Bible studies. In addition to my Pastoral Ministry at Immanuel, I serve as chaplain for Lebanon Fire Department and EMS, a position I have held for 5 years. I am also one of 5 chaplains of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Jessie and I have 7 children (I have 4; she has 3). Jessie also has five grandchildren. We are both avid readers. My favorite past-time, in addition to reading, is getting out on a beautiful day and riding my Honda Goldwing motorcycle.