



So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being... So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. (II Corinthians 5:17, 20a)

Greetings community of Christ Lutheran,

Let me begin by saying how excited, humbled, and honored I am to be serving as your intentional interim pastor. It is not lost on me that the last time you might have had an interim pastor was in the late '80's or early 90's. Four decades ago! So, let's just say it has been a while.

A little about me...I grew up in Huntington Beach, went to college at that other CLC (Cal Lutheran when it was only a college), and seminary at Luther in St. Paul, MN. And yes, my time at Cal Lu and Luther Sem overlapped with Pastor Brian and Leanne. I have served parishes in San Luis Obispo, Dallas, San Antonio, Sacramento, and Madison, WI. All of the parishes I served were multi-staff congregations. I also spent five years under call as the program director at a Sacramento non-profit, Saint John's Program for Real Change, running the Custody to Community Transitional Reentry Program for female felons. Mostly recently, I spent the past 21 months as the intentional interim pastor at Shepherd of the Hills in Vacaville.

My wife, Kathy, and I met while both on staff working at the 1988 ELCA Youth Gathering in San Antonio. We married in 1990. Kathy has spent her career working in community colleges both as a biology professor and an administrator. Currently Kathy (aka Dr. Sorensen) is the Dean of Behavioral and Social Science at American River College here in Sacramento. We have one son, Kai, who is a business major freshman at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. He is on the cross-country and track teams. During this track season he is running the 1500, 5K and 3K Steeplechase. (This proud dad will be happy to bore you with details of his distance running accomplishments.)

As your intentional interim pastor, I will work closely with the staff, congregational leadership, and transition team to keep the missional focus and momentum of this blessed congregation continually moving towards its

preferred and promised future. I will also be a reminder that different pastors bring different gifts to the call. I have different gifts than Pastor Brian, and your next settled pastor will have still another skill set. As St. Paul reminds us in the letter to the Corinthians, these different gifts enable the whole body to function and thrive.

As I said, I am excited to be part of this thriving community of grace and mission. I look forward to what God has planned for us in our time together.

Joyfully,
Pastor Scot Sorensen