



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Dear Members of St. Ambrose,

I have announced my impending retirement from the Ministry of the ELCA and the Office of Pastor of The Lutheran Church of Saint Ambrose, effective February 11, 2021, but not official until March 1, 2021.

I have been at this work for 41 years, since 1979 after graduating from seminary and receiving a call to serve Bethel Lutheran Church (ALC) and the Good News Lutheran Parish in northeastern Pennsylvania.

I arrived here at St. Ambrose in July 1985 to begin God's work in this place. Pennsville has been my home and you have been my church family for the past 35 years, so I make this decision with a heavy and broken heart.

It has been made very clear to me by our current church leadership that the congregation desires and needs new pastoral leadership and direction, so I have decided to step aside so that can happen.

In my remaining months here I will continue to fulfill my responsibilities as your pastor. But, I will also take time to prepare for my retirement. I will need to vacate the church parsonage and find a place to live, for one thing. This means I will have to de-clutter my life of accumulated stuff I will no longer need or want to move with me.

I will take many fond memories of the people and this place with me wherever it is I go from here. I thank you for all the kind thoughts and well wishes I have already received from some of you. I appreciate your support of and service to your church and our ministry together, and I sincerely pray it continues into the future with whomever it is you call as your new pastor to make a home here among you.

Shalom,  
Pastor