



St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church

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“For I know the plans I have for you, declared the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. Jeremiah 29:11

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Brothers and Sisters of St. Andrews Lutheran Church:

It is with great joy and excitement that I write you to tell you that I accept your call to serve as your Lead Pastor. I consider the call serve as your Lead Pastor one of the greatest honors of my entire life.

As I met with your excellent Call Committee, prayed and pondered the possibility of our future together, the words from Jeremiah 29 kept coming to me, ***“For I know the plans I have for you”***. It is clear to me that God has indeed prepared an exciting future for St. Andrews. On Tuesday evening May 15th, while the congregation was voting on the call for Lead Pastor, Ruth, the girls and I were outside across the street from the church. My wife Ruth looked up and said, “John, look at the rainbow”. As I looked up I saw a beautiful rainbow over the church! The rainbow is a sign of God’s promise. Our future is indeed bright.

I look forward to beginning ministry with you on Monday June 25th, 2007 and many years of fruitful ministry together.

In Christ,

Pastor John Hogenson