

PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Redeemer,

My first couple of weeks as your pastor have been filled with opportunities to meet a lot of you, including many of my colleagues across the synod. I have had a chance to get out to visit some of our members who are dealing with health issues. Not having a pastor for eight months, there was a need to connect with some of our members as soon as I was able.

On day two I attended the Thames Area Lutheran Clergy Cluster near Windsor. I had a chance to meet almost every pastor in our area. I had a very enjoyable time and am excited to be working with these colleagues to do future ministry together in our area. I also attended a council meeting, where I had a chance to meet many of our leaders.

My first Sunday as your pastor came with excitement and some growing pains as I learned about what you are used to from your pastor, as well, you learned about some of my worship preferences that may have been different from my predecessor. I ask for your patience as I meet with the worship committee, hoping to find that happy medium together.



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In my second week of ministry, I headed to the Synod Convention in Toronto for three days. I had a chance to meet a lot of my colleagues across the whole synod. I had an enjoyable time, and congratulate Chris Hulan on her appointment

to the Synod Council Executive. As well, I am excited for our new bishop-elects arrival from Saskatchewan in September. Our ties go back to my internship year in Regina. Bishop elect Carla Blakely will be a great addition to our synod, and I look forward to working with her.

On my second Sunday, I participated in a table talk around the future of our church. I feel a lot of hope for our future, as I see the energy and faith this community has on continuing to do

ministry together for years to come.

And remember, Jesus is in the boat with us.

On Monday evening I had a chance to meet Lutherans across the city as I attended the AGM. I look forward to continuing to work with our partners to help support people in need in our city.

I give thanks to Wendy, and to all of you, for all the work you have done to keep our ministries going during the vacancy, including caring for one another.



Finally, despite having a full schedule of ministry activities, as well as, getting our personal documents transitioned over, I was able to watch a lot of the Stanley cup final, as I cheered on my Oilers. **Go Oilers!!!**

*Grace and peace,
Pastor Wallace*

*P.S.: Oh well...
maybe next year!*

