

March 2017 Message

Pastor Patton Says Yes

On Sunday, February 19th, Pastor Steve Patton announced to Crosspoint Lutheran Church in Sahuarita, Arizona, that he has accepted the Call to become Senior Pastor of Messiah in Charlotte. We thank the Holy Spirit for leading Pastor Patton to this decision. We are excited that Pastor Patton has accepted Messiah's Call for we know he has the gifts and experience to serve well as our new Senior Pastor. We will be praying for him and his family as he concludes his pastoral ministry at Crosspoint. And we will continue to pray for Crosspoint congregation as they will soon be dealing with a pastoral vacancy, that God may raise up a good vacancy pastor that will lead them during this time of transition in their journey as a Christian congregation.

Pastor Patton has indicated that he and his wife Myra and their two children will be coming to Charlotte the week of March 20th to begin looking for housing and schooling for their two daughters Anya (7) and Lydia (4). The Installation Service for Pastor Patton is scheduled for Sunday, March 26th at 4 pm. President John Denninger or his designate from the Southeastern District will be leading the Installation. More information will be given in coming weeks in Messiah's Church bulletin and on the church website.

Pastor Patton is 50 years old. He grew up in Oregon and received his university education at several schools. Before going to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, he was a project manager and small business owner in the computer industry. It was several years after he became a Lutheran that he was accepted at Concordia Seminary, graduating there in 2008. He did his vicarage at the Lutheran Church of the Risen Savior in Green Valley, Arizona. He was the founding pastor of Crosspoint Lutheran Church and served this brand new congregation for the past seven years.

Messiah has been blessed with two faithful Senior Pastors in our 35 years history, Pastor Bob Torgler and Pastor Tim Baldinger. We will soon be adding a new Senior Pastor who we pray will be leading Messiah in its many ministries for years to come.

Pastor Ron Wiese