

In this season of change, Immanuel Lutheran Church welcomes **Pastor Steven Olson** as our interim pastor. After 36 years of full-time parish ministry, Pastor Steve was asked to come out of retirement and take up a new calling as an interim pastor.



Coming into this work, Pastor Steve brought a rich wealth of experience. Among other things he has served as a mission pastor called to start a brand-new congregation, a redevelopment pastor called to help a troubled congregation re-establish its ministry, and as a Senior Pastor in multi-staff congregations. In his “retirement” he has served six interim and bridge positions, with Immanuel being the seventh.

As an interim pastor, Steve’s passions include pastoral care and visitation, evangelism and whole life stewardship. His main work here will include leading worship, preaching and pastoral care. He will also be coaching us through the transitions surrounding our call process and offering insights into his areas of expertise.

Like so many retired people today, Steve is still full of energy and eager to serve. His service, supported by his wife Diane, will be a welcome addition to the life of Immanuel, as we enter yet another year of growth and new opportunities.

Steve and Diane live in Bloomington, halfway between their family in Shoreview and Lakeville. They have two sons married to teachers, who have blessed them with 5 grandchildren, who are all grown and either working or continuing their university education. When not serving as an interim, Pastor Steve and Diane enjoy live theater and traveling to the marathons and half marathons Diane runs several times a year. They also enjoy traveling to see family and friends around the world.

Please help us in welcoming Pastor Steve and Diane.