

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ!

I'm thinking by now you have heard the news of my upcoming retirement. After a lot of prayer and reflection, I've decided to retire at the end of October. As I mentioned, if I count my year of internship, this fall marks 40 years of parish ministry for me. It seems to me that is a good number to retire on.

This has been a difficult decision. I have and do enjoy my work at Our Saviour's. You are incredibly dear to me and I appreciate being able to serve as your pastor. But there is a time for moving into the next stage of life and I think I'm at that stage. I hope that the next stage is as rich as this one has been!

Thank you for all of your kind words. I appreciate the sharing of care and support. You are being wonderful as we look to this transition.

In the next few weeks we will be looking at what shape this transition will take. We will keep you up to speed on all of that. Our Saviour's is blessed with excellent leadership again this year, and they will do a great job.

Please do pray for our family and me, and for our congregation. May our Lord lead us onward in His newness!

God Bless,  
Pastor Mark

### **Schedule Change as We Begin Sunday School**

Our plan at this time is to begin Sunday School on Sunday, October 4. We will of course be watching how the public schools are doing and we will adjust or change our planning as necessary. But assuming Sunday School begins, we will make a few adjustments to our Sunday morning schedule:

9:00 – 9:45 – Outdoor Worship Service

9:45-10:25 – Sunday School for ages 3 through high school. We will not begin an adult class at this time.

10:30 – 11:30 – Indoor Worship Service

### **Planning for Sunday School**

We are doing our organizing for Sunday School. Our plans to begin Sunday School on Sunday, October 4.

If you would like to help with teaching and leading Sunday School, please talk with Carmen Nazario or Pastor Mark.

\*If you have child who is age 3 or 4, would you please let Carmen or Pastor Mark know. We are putting together a list who is in the class.

\*We are planning to make Sunday School as safe as we possibly can. We will set up social distancing in each classroom. And we are requiring that all teachers and students wear masks during Sunday School.