



Faith Lutheran Church  
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February 13, 2022

Dear Pastor Pohland and precious friends in Christ at Faith Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the name of Jesus! Please accept my sincere congratulations as you celebrate your 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Forty years of ministry bears witness to God's remarkable blessing and to the dedication and mission zeal of you, His precious people. From a visionary and mission-focused group under the servant leadership of Rev. Jerry Kieschnick, a new effort to reach out with the Good News of new life and eternal hope in Jesus was born. Forty years later, Faith is blessing children, families and countless members of the community with the love of our dear Savior. God has been guiding you from the beginning, has brought you to this day, and will go ahead of you in the future. The number 40 in the Bible tells the story of God's abiding presence and faithfulness. That is the story you live and share as a congregation.

Thank you for your strong and meaningful partnership in God's mission. Your selfless mission gifts and prayers continue to equip and send missionaries to new communities in Texas and around the world. You are blessing others as you have been blessed. It is a joy to walk with you and to experience your ongoing leadership in the Texas District. My prayer is that your congregation will continue to be used by the Holy Spirit to transform lives and plant new seeds of the Gospel to the glory of our Lord and Savior.

Although I cannot be with you personally as you celebrate, I am asking the Lord of the Church to bless you with a joyful and heartwarming time together. May your fellowship and thanksgiving rekindle your zeal to receive, show and share the love of Jesus Christ.

In joyful celebration with you,

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Rev. Michael W. Newman, President  
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