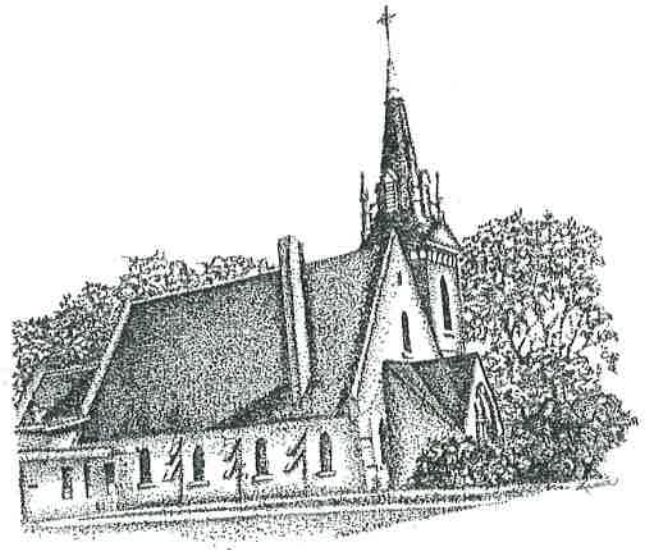


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Dear Friends in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

These four words dominate the new season that we have now entered. Their meaning may sometimes seem clouded, when restrictions are placed upon us and any kind of practicing as a faith community is by trial and error.

However, despite a virus, the need to keep physically distant from one another, and mask wearing anytime and anywhere we are out in public, the risen Christ is always present among us. There is hope, that a normal life will someday return, and the promise that even though we may feel alone or uncertain of the direction life's journeys will take, the eternal Christ is there.

As part of the peculiarity of life as we know it today, I find myself writing this letter to announce to you my retirement from ordained ministry. It has been a journey of joy and challenges, of accomplishments and hope of things to come with the people here at Emmanuel Church.

My last day of work will be August 6, 2021. My first day of retirement will be August 21, 2021. The journey of faith at Emmanuel will follow the guidelines of discerning the ministry of Emmanuel with our Wardens, Charlotte Leitch and Helen Hall, our Archdeacon The Ven. Brian Kauk, and our Bishop, The Rt. Reverend Shane Parker. This group will prepare the people of Emmanuel for the next stage of the faith journey.

As our own faith journeys part ways, may we live into the hope of sharing God's love to everyone in our communities, and never be afraid of the risks we take to do that. For our challenge will always be to love God and one another with all we have.

I pray that you have a joy filled Eastertide as we begin this season together. May we give thanks for the people who enter into our lives to show us new ways to serve one-another.

In God's peace,

The Reverend Cathy McCaig