



## Pastor's Notes

“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”

- Romans 8:28

Grace and peace to you! I'm so excited to be called to serve as your new Pastor and look forward to getting to know everyone better in the coming weeks and months. There's so much that I want to share with you, and so many questions I want to ask! But for the moment, here's some basics about the family and I:

My wife Andrea and I have been married for 23 years. She works as a fundraiser for the Salvation Army, and is a former High School Colorguard/Winterguard coach. We have two children; our daughter Grace is a student at Illinois State University in Bloomington-Normal and our son Corbin and his wife Michelle live in St. Louis. He is a journeyman electrician, and she teaches computer programming.

We come to you from a rural congregation with a “cathedral in the cornfield” in Central Illinois. I'm also a second-career pastor, previously working in healthcare administration, including leading an organization that supports burn survivors and their families. Chances are that you'll hear me talk more about my experiences there in a sermon or two. I also served as a lay/interim minister in the church for several years before attending seminary. I've learned to trust in God's timing, because it's always right!



I consider myself a Confessional Lutheran, and will often reference the Small Catechism, Augsburg Confession, and other documents in the Book of Concord. You will hear me speak often about the proper distinction of Law and Gospel. At heart I'm both a theologian and a storyteller, and both of those are usually apparent in my sermons and teaching.

In our free time, Andrea and I love to travel, especially on road trips. At home, she likes to sew and crochet, while I enjoy attending classic car events and reading and writing about Lutheran theology. Our musical tastes range from Ravel to REO Speedwagon and pretty much everything in between. We love watching high school football, community theatre, and attending events and fairs in the summer. We're looking forward to learning about our new congregation and getting to know each of you!

Friends, thank you for inviting us into your faith community. Please feel free to contact me anytime by phone/text at 618-792-0835 or email at [pastor@immanuelindee.com](mailto:pastor@immanuelindee.com).

Wishing you the Lord's peace,

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