

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”
1 Corinthians 12:12 (ESV)

The way God brings His people together as His body to serve the world is truly amazing. God could certainly carry out His work without us, but He chooses to work through us to share His Word and love with the world. It has been a joy to serve alongside you in that work here at St. Paul’s.

I have recently received, and accepted, a request to serve in a called position at Concordia University Chicago. While it is difficult to say goodbye and leave my role at St. Paul’s, the Coordinator of Lutheran Teacher Education position is an opportunity to encourage, shape, and prepare future educators for lives of faith and service, which is both humbling and exhilarating.

The three school years I have been in this congregation have been a tremendous blessing as I have served with you, and been served by you. St. Paul’s is a great congregation with a strong history of music ministry. I am confident the future leaders of the music ministry will continue to strengthen this important ministry of the church and school.

My work at Concordia will begin July 1 with preparations for the fall semester. Thank you for your prayers and support throughout this transition.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jared Stiek".

Jared Stiek