



OUR SAVIOR
Evangelical Lutheran Church

431 Waverly Street
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Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School,

After many days of prayer, thought, and seeking advice, I have decided to decline the Call you extended me to serve as your associate pastor at St. Paul's. This decision has been extremely difficult for me. The Call to St. Paul's was very appealing in many ways, and it is quite tough to return it to you. From everything I gathered about your ministry, you have a great deal to be joyful, optimistic, and thankful about.

Please also know that the entire leadership of your congregation, especially Pastor Snyder, was most kind and helpful to me during these weeks. You are blessed to have the leaders God has given you. Also, thank you to all the laypeople who reached out to me with encouragement, or simply a friendly message.

You will continue to be in my prayers, and I hope I will be in yours as well, as I am accepting the Spirit's Call to serve your brothers and sisters in Woodbridge, Virginia. My prayer, with full confidence, will be that our Good Shepherd supplies St. Paul's with the under-shepherd that he has in mind, in his time.

Peace in Jesus,

Pastor Paul Jenkins