

On Sunday, January 3, 2021, I announced after the Services to the congregation that I would be retiring from the ministry and from my calling as a pastor at Star of Bethlehem at the end of June of this year. My wife and I had been searching for a home for our retirement years for the past 6 months. Wendy's mother would like to live next to us whenever I did retire, and we re-located wherever the Lord directed us. We are happy to do this together with Mom in the coming years whenever more assistance is needed. Where we found a place that would meet our needs and Mom's took us to Watertown, WI. There we found side-by-side ranch-style condos in a new complex that would meet our needs at prices that we could afford. These condos are presently under construction and are scheduled to be finished in late Spring or early Summer. Our daughter, Laura, and her family also live in Watertown about a half-mile from where we will be living. Wendy and I are currently living with our daughter, Lisa Wigley, and her family in Milwaukee until our move to Watertown is completed. I will continue to serve you through the end of June. Thank you for the privilege of serving you and our Lord at Star of Bethlehem for so many years. My son, David, and his family continue to live in the area and attend Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School. We hope to worship with them and our friends at Star of Bethlehem occasionally for special Services and for other special events at Star of Bethlehem in the future years. Our Board of Elders, entrusted with the oversight of the pastoral ministry, is putting together a special committee to review and evaluate our pastors' gifts and talents, study the congregation's needs, and determine how the congregation will, Lord willing, proceed with the potential calling of another shepherd for Star of Bethlehem.

God's continued blessings!

Pastor Gawrisch