



FIRST ST. PAUL'S

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Congregation of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Church Council, I want to address the resignation of Associate Pastor Andrea Paulson. We here at First St Paul's are so thankful for her service and how God has worked in her time with us.

Pastor Andrea filled many roles here, most notably in Youth Ministry and in Missions. As a result many parents and youth are wondering what's going to happen moving forward. We want you all to know that Pastor Andrea has been working and will continue to help with this transition.

Plans are underway and arrangements have been made till the end of our Confirmation year. Eighth graders and their families can trust Confirmation will be a meaningful experience and service. Andrea is also working with small group leaders so the Arizona Mission Trip will run smoothly. I'd like to thank the staff and the volunteers that are stepping up to make all of this happen. We are forever grateful. Hawley Lutheran Church, where Pastor Andrea will be the lead pastor has graciously agreed to allow her to work with us to allow her to help us in this area.

Camp Inspiration is a go for 2020 and kids are encouraged to register. Passion 2021 is still being planned and seniors and collage kids should absolutely go!!!

Our short term, immediate needs are being addressed. Pastor Andrea is working with staff and volunteers to plan and prepare for next school year as well. While Andrea may be leaving First St. Paul's, know that she is still "ALL IN" for our youth. As she is keen to say, "*obedience is our job... outcome is our job... outcome is God's job.*"

Council and staff are working hard to determine the short term and long term needs going forward. We are hopeful that by working together, we can continue the trajectory of youth ministry and mission here at First St. Paul's.

Please feel free to contact me, Arron Diecker with any questions, suggestion or concerns. We will announce plans for a send off for Pastor Andrea in the days to come. Once again, I would like to thank the Congregation of First St. Paul's for your patience and understanding as we make these changes.

Respectfully,
Arron Diecker,
Congregational Council President