

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Iffa, a Muslim from Bangladesh, comes in regularly to visit All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center. She enjoys bringing her children with her to enjoy friendship. So when All Saints' dear pastor Rev. Jacob Deal took a call to another church, Iffa asked what the congregation would do for a pastor. We parishioners do all we can to let the Holy Spirit lead us to a new pastor.

Change is not easy, but God is opening doors. I will be glad to tell Iffa what God is doing to help. I will tell her that the Sunday following Rev. Deal's departure, we had a wonderful LCMS pastor lead us in worship, Pastor Mroz. He came with his service dog because he deals with epilepsy and a hearing problem. He assured the congregation that God would carry on His work regardless of our own frailties. He acted out his message by inviting church member Nick Claypool to stand behind his outstretched arms. He said this is what happens when God forgives us; our sins are hidden; they are gone. The message really touched the congregation.



The very next Sunday Bishop Jeffrey Miskus visited All Saints. He immediately reassured the members that God is in charge of the change. He urged us to be strong in the war as Joshua had been. Following the service, he joined the members who filled the social area for a delicious lunch and lively fellowship.

Our Muslim friend will hear how God supplies not only great substitute pastors, but also church members to do their part. They pray, and they continue to help on work days at the church as we prepare to celebrate the congregation's 50th anniversary on October 31, 2027.

Change is a challenge we will tell our Muslim friends, but All Saints trusts God to provide. He already has.