



Until We Meet Again

The countdown has started. Bob is getting the suitcases down from the cabinet in the garage. He is making lists of the things we don't want to forget to pack when we head to Kansas for grandson Sam's high school graduation. There is another countdown that is happening as well.

It is one thing to pick an end date. It is another thing to have the end date show up on the calendar on my wall. This Sunday, May 10th, Mother's Day, will be my last day at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. It is a bittersweet feeling.

Thank you for welcoming Bob and I into your church family. Thank you for making these last 18 months so enjoyable for someone who was supposed to be retired and then found herself not wanting to leave. CELC is an exciting place to do ministry. There is so much going on.

How did I not know you have such an outreach ministry with your Tuesday food pantry? For over 20 years! We also worked with other churches to get IHELP, sheltering homeless folks at the church, back in business. And now you have called a new pastor to come and shepherd you through the next several years. It is an exciting time to be at CELC.

I loved getting to know you. Sharing in your stories as you shared in mine. I have so enjoyed hearing babies talk during church. I'm not going to call it crying. I can't tell you how wonderful it was to have two Christmas programs put on by the Sunday School kids – my heart is full with these memories.

We sang an old hymn a couple of weeks ago, "God Be With You Til We Meet Again." Those words carry the sentiment I am walking around with these days! God is most certainly with you. And we will meet again!

Blessings – Pastor Kim, Interim Pastor signing off.