

From the Pastor... Join Pastor Fogle for Pasta! See Page 5 Dear Family in the Faith, For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: Ecclesiastes 3:1 As I sit down to write this letter, my heart is overflowing with emotion. When I came to Livonia in the summer of 2006 as the intentional interim pastor at Christ the King, I expected it to be for about a year-and-a-half. It is now the year 2026 which makes this my 20th year among you. What an incredible journey this has been for all of us! Serving initially at Christ the King (Livonia), then St. John's (Redford), and Prince of Peace (Westland), then journeying with you to bring all three congregations together officially into one on August 1st of 2013 and then finding and moving us into our current location in January of 2017 was an experience few of us will ever forget. These past two decades have been the greatest blessing of my life. We have shared so much together—laughter and tears, celebrations and heartaches, times of growth and seasons of challenge. I have watched your children grow, your families flourish, and your faith deepen. You have welcomed me into your lives in ways that I will never forget, and you have shown me the love of Christ again and again. However, after much prayer, reflection, some coaching from retired pastors, and multiple conversations with the Lord, Heather, (and the Bishop of course), I have come to the bittersweet decision that I will be retiring as your pastor with my last Sunday in the pulpit to be June 14, 2026. Serving as your pastor has not just been a calling—it has been a privilege and a joy. I will always carry with me the sound of your voices lifted in worship, the moments of prayer we've shared at hospital bedsides, the joy of baptisms and weddings, and even the tears we have shed together in times of loss. This decision does not come easily, because this church has been my home and you have been my family. But as I enter my 70th year of life at the end of February, I feel the Lord's leading that it is time for me to begin a new adventure in my life and allow new leadership to carry this beautiful church into the next season of ministry and growth. I trust with all my heart that God will continue to do great and wonderful things among you. Please know this: while I may no longer be your pastor, or will I be able to perform any pastoral acts with this congregation, I will always love you, pray for you, and thank God for the gift of these 20 years together. You have shaped me, blessed me, and given me more than I could ever give in return. From the depths of my heart—thank you for letting me walk this journey with you.

With love beyond words, Reverend James L. Fogle

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