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Dear Saints of Faith Lutheran,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, the One and only Lord and Savior! I wanted to take a moment to check in with you all and let you know what our plans are for taking up residency in Sioux Falls.

Before all that, however, I want to once again express to you my excitement about our ministry together! It is quite a special thing for a congregation to call a pastor and entrust him with their spiritual care. I certainly do not take this charge lightly and look forward to being with you as we worship and work together, celebrate and mourn together. You are the Lord's faithful, chosen and Baptized for this moment in history! What a marvelous work the Lord is doing in bringing us together as pastor and priesthood at Faith Lutheran Church!

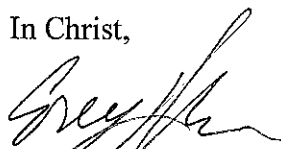
I will conclude my ministry with the saints of St. Paul after nine years and one week of service on July 24. The congregation, as you would expect, is loving and dedicated to the mission of Christ. We are sad to part company, but they have chosen to send me and my family off with a delightful meal and program. I have also served for one year as the Paducah Circuit Visitor and the brothers from the circuit wish to also send me off. We will have our last winkel together on Tuesday of that week. I anticipate there will be further details which we will need to tend to as our final week in Paducah draws to a close. We anticipate loading up and heading to Sioux Falls on Monday, August 1st. Upon arrival, we will unload the majority of our belongings in a storage facility and the remainder in an apartment where we will live until our Paducah residence sells and we are able to purchase a house in Sioux Falls.

During the next couple weeks, my family and I plan to settle in to our new location, get to know the area, spend time with folks from the church, and gear up for our next chapter of ministry! I have made arrangements with the leadership of Faith Lutheran and with the South Dakota District Office to have my installation on Sunday, August 14th. And then . . . we begin our work together!

I appreciate your patience and prayers through the call process. It can take time, but it is certainly an opportunity for each of us to put our faith and trust in the Lord of the Church who always provides. The bit of extra time between concluding my ministry at St. Paul and beginning at Faith will certainly help us settle in, get acclimated to the area, and help our children feel more comfortable with everything!

Once again, my family and I are quite excited to be with you all in a matter of mere weeks! You are in my prayers daily.

In Christ,



Pastor Corey Aker

God bless you all!