

Letter from Pastor Suzanne

March 3, 2021

Greetings to Members and Friends of the United Proclamation of the Gospel Parish and St. John's Windish,

On March 1, during a zoom meeting with Bishop Chris deForest, we were informed that Pastor Jerry Kulp has resigned as the called pastor of the UPG and has resigned as an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) pastor effective immediately. There are many questions and few answers to give currently. We are grateful for the ministry that Pastor Jerry did in our congregations and we are saddened to move forward without him. I remain the called pastor of St. John's Windish and I will continue to serve as a pastoral partner with the UPG. We will be working with our council members and the Bishop and his staff to secure additional pastoral assistance.

We recognize that many are grieving this loss, and many are understandably upset by what has transpired. [I will hold a zoom coffee and conversation on Monday, March 8 at 7 pm](#) to allow people to talk and support one another. I will also schedule additional times next week for conversation both in person in small socially distant groups and using zoom.

We are blessed with an amazing staff and congregational leaders and working together we will move forward in ministry. We will continue to trust God's promise to walk with us, carry us, sustain us, and shower us with love and forgiveness. Bishop deForest and his staff will also walk with us. Together we will move forward and keep our community of faith strong and God centered.

In Peace,
Pastor Suzanne