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He spent his childhood in small towns in North Dakota, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas where his father served as pastor. He attended high school at St. Paul's in Concordia, Missouri and graduated from Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1978. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 1982.

Prior to accepting the call as our Pastor of Visitation and Pastoral Care, he served Zion Lutheran in Dexter, Iowa from 1982-1987 and Grace Lutheran in Blairstown, Iowa from 1987-2017.

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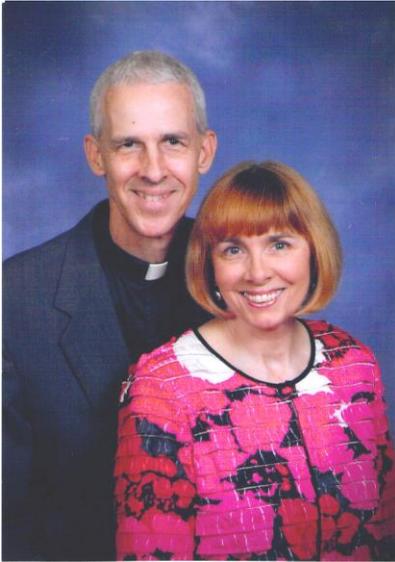
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