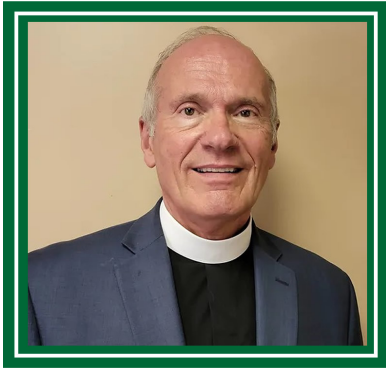




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Pastor David Wagner

Pastor David was baptized, took his first Holy Communion and was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran, Richardton, N.D. He later graduated from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Music, then graduated from Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. (later named Luther Seminary). In 1971, he took a seminar journey to Israel and Palestine.

He served First Lutheran, Lake Lillian, Minn. (1973-1978), First Lutheran, Cosmos, Minn. (1977-1978), Family of God Lutheran, East Forks, Minn. (1978-1989), Servant of Christ Lutheran, Chaplin, Minn. (1989-1996), and God's Love Lutheran, Newtown, Pa. (1996-2008) before joining Hackensack Meridian Health Care as manager of pastoral care for hospice (1996-2008), where he managed four hospice chaplains. Following retirement, he has served as interim pastor for Faith Lutheran (this congregation), Sarasota, Fla. (June-September 2020), Emmanuel Lutheran, Venice, Fla., (June-July 2023) and continues to serve as interim at Our Savior Lutheran, Nokomis, Fla.

Pastor David's extra-parish experiences including serving as a visiting goodwill pastor for two months in 1995 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Nigeria, Africa; and leading Summer Bible School in 2004 with children of the Cree Nation for the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots, Wabasca, Alberta, Canada.

He is married with two adult children and five grandchildren. He enjoys breeding, raising and showing champion golden retrievers; riding horses; and caring for nature. He is a conservationist, environmentalist, avid recycler, student of the natural order and promoter of racial equality.