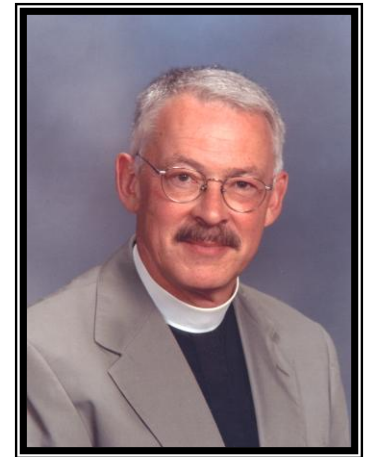


Concordia's Pastor

We are excited to introduce our pastor,
The Reverend Mark Reiff.

Pastor Reiff accepted our Call on
February 28, 2010, and began his service
at Concordia on June 1, 2010.



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- Pastor Reiff graduated from Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in June 1973, and was ordained on May 4, 1975. He also pursued continuing theological education at Magdalen College in Oxford, England, and St. George's College, Jerusalem, Israel.
- His grandfather was a Lutheran pastor, his father was a Lutheran pastor, and his three brothers are Lutheran pastors.
- Prior to accepting Concordia's Call, he was the Pastor at Magnolia Lutheran Church in Seattle, Washington, for the past nine years. Magnolia is a community on the outskirts of Seattle with a population of approximately 22,000 residents. He has also served in parishes at San Lorenzo, California, and Tiburon, California.
- The Reverend Reiff was an ELCA rostered pastor who left the ELCA, as Concordia did, and is now rostered with the L.C.M.C. (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ). He has pledged to remain in ministry at least 8 to 10 years and went on to say, 15 years if he's happy, and 20 years if he's delirious!
- Pastor Reiff never married, choosing to remain single so he could have more freedom for and devotion to ministry.
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- The greatest growth in membership at his former parish was young families with children. He also established a community-wide youth program with other area churches. He conducted seven weekly bible study classes in addition to his duties as pastor.
- His excellent sermons are based upon Scripture, and he is a gifted speaker and theologian.
- He loves his three large dogs, going fishing, as well as watching football and ice hockey. He is active in a regular exercise regime to keep fit and healthy. He also enjoys entertaining parishioners in his own home and has pledged to visit every family of Concordia in his first year of ministry.
- The Call Committee definitely felt the leading of the Holy Spirit, and we were unanimous in our recommendation for him to be called as our new pastor.

Patty Anderson, Laurie Bolton, Chad Cotton, Pat Henning, Carl Jobe, June Moran, Claudette Reiser, Frank Singh, Gary Starr, and in an advisory role, Braden Warren, Youth Minister