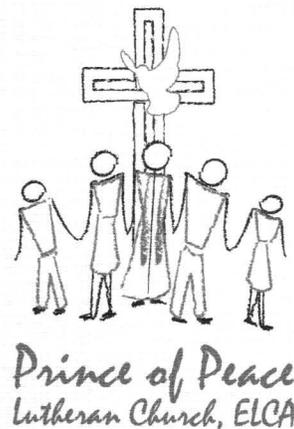


September 16, 2013



Dear Pastor James Galbreath,

All your sisters and brothers in Christ at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church extend the warmest of congratulations to you and to the members of Woodridge United Methodist Church as you celebrate 50 years of worship and ministry in the Woodridge community! We give thanks to God for your faithfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ and for the fellowship of believers who have sustained the proclamation of God's 'Good News' over these many years. We pray for your future endeavors in ministry and mission, and look ahead with hope for mutual opportunities to share God's gospel of love with all who are hungering and thirsting for God's justice.

I thank you for the generous invitation to join in your celebration, but regret that I am unable to attend. Your celebration falls on the same weekend as my own ordination and installation services for Prince of Peace. I am sending our Council President, Mr. Jim Hiepler-Hartwig, to represent our congregation and to bring greetings from all our members.

Thank you too for your warm welcome to the Woodridge community. I will look forward to meeting you and working with you on the up-coming community Thanksgiving service and beyond.

Again, many blessings to you as you celebrate this important milestone in the history of your church.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all,

Pastor Lynn M. Bird

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