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Dear Partners of Faith Lutheran Church,

Wow! Has it been five years already? It doesn't seem that long ago when we gathered in that little office, with a picture of a cross hanging off the table and the salsa dish for our communion ware! But the Lord can do amazing things, and promises to bless those who seek Him, even when our beginnings are small.

I was proud and honored to be a part of those beginnings, but I am even more excited to see where you have come in such a short time. Faith Lutheran speaks to the kind of community of believers that you have become and what you offer to one another and to the people of Bloomington-Normal. You know that growth is measured in only by "numbers". The faith that was present in the beginning, has grown and has become a powerful tool for sharing the Gospel with many, both within Faith and through Faith into the community.

If I remember correctly, at our first worship time together, all of the lessons spoke to the topic of new beginnings. It seemed quite significant for that occasion. Please don't forget your beginnings, remember the struggles encountered along the way, and recognize the blessings given by the Lord to bring you to this anniversary. Know that he is ever-present among His people of faith. Continue to care for one another, love your Pastor, live the Word in your daily lives. Peace to you all!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Mark". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Pastor Mark R. Martin (and Cyndi)
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