

## **A Message from Pastor Paul Regarding His Upcoming Departure**

Dear Trinity,

As many of you have probably already heard, I will be departing Trinity to start a new call in Rio Rancho, NM sometime in the first few weeks of January. And I have to begin this message by giving thanks to you for the tremendous blessing that it has been to serve as your pastor. But while my family and I are excited to begin this next chapter of our lives, I know that the timing of my departure may come as a shock given Pastor Steve's recent retirement. Therefore I would like to provide some context into what is driving our decision to move on at this time.

The biggest factor in our departure is the desire to be closer to family, especially my mother-in-law, who has been battling an aggressive form of cancer over the last few years. In recent months her prognosis has changed for the worse, and so despite the many wonderful things about serving at Trinity, we feel a deep desire to support and be present to Stephanie's mother in the time that we have left.

It has been a great honor and joy to get to know you and share in ministry together. And despite the many unknowns facing Trinity, I want you to know that you are in very good hands with your council leadership and Pastor Gary. And more importantly, God has a plan- for each of us and for Trinity! And I cannot wait to see what God has in store for you in the coming years!

Until then, I look forward to cherishing the remaining months we have together. And I will certainly keep you in my prayers, now and always.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul Schick