

God is at work in and through Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church. In this year, I feel as though we have been coming into our own: growing in confidence, in our capacity to reach out, in our trust that God is leading us.

In this last year, I became our Associate Pastor. What was personally fulfilling for me in 2016 was simply having the chance to do all kinds of associate pastor stuff: bringing folks together to go visiting, leading Sunday School, chatting with folks on the phone, preaching, and leading worship. I couldn't find anything more fulfilling.

As I think back on the Service of Ordination, my sense of love and gratitude overflows. One of the things I cherished the most was how astoundingly beautiful Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church was. I don't just mean the physical space – though lots of people put in all kinds of effort to make our space absolutely glow – but the way our church poured out hospitality. Again, and again, and again, people told me how much they loved our church, how welcomed they felt, and how glad they were that I had found such a congregation.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

May we continue to notice every blessing large and small in the days before us.

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