

## St. John's Lutheran Church Welcomes New Pastor

St. John's Lutheran Church welcomes, The Rev. Matthew Sorenson as their new pastor. Rev. Matt Sorenson graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. He served on two U. S. Navy submarines while in the Navy. Following his service in the Navy he worked for Mallinckrodt Baker for ten years in Sales and Marketing. He managed the laboratory chemicals business around the world in his last position with them.

Rev. Sorenson left this last position, answering a call from God, to enter Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Catherine's, Ontario, graduating with a Masters of Divinity. He has served the past five years at Grace Lutheran Church, Niagara Falls, NY. He has a particular passion for peacemaking or applying Biblical principles into the everyday conflicts that occur in homes, workplaces, marriages, and other relationships so God can be glorified as broken relationships are healed.

Joining Rev. Sorenson here in Farmville will be his wife, Beth a recent graduate of Niagara University. She is a teacher of TESOL or Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. They have three adult children.

The congregation of St. John's will celebrate the Service of Installation for Rev. Matthew Sorenson Saturday, May 17 at 3:00 pm. A dinner will follow the service for family, friends, and community, so please join us to welcome Rev. Matt and Beth Sorenson to the Farmville area.

The Service of Installation and dinner will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1301 Milnwood Rd., Farmville on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 3:00 pm.

Rev. Sorenson will conduct his first services at St. John's on Sunday, May 18 at 8:00 & 10:30 AM.