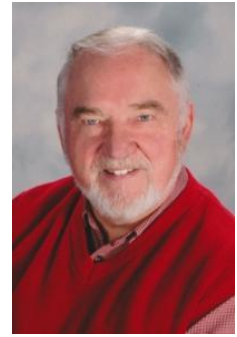


Pastor Jerry Tews

Part-time Interim Associate Pastor



St. Luke's welcomes Pastor Jerry Tews as part-time interim associate pastor officially beginning on March 1. Since 2008 Jerry has served as an interim pastor in several of the synod's congregations, most recently as the interim staff support pastor at Bethel in Madison.

Before moving in 2008 to Stoughton following retirement he served parishes in Nipigon, Ontario, Canada, Ashland, WI, Elgin, IL, and Glenview IL. After completing an intensive Clinical Pastoral Education program in 1976, Jerry served for eleven years as the Pastoral Director and Counselor of the Wholistic Health Center of Mendota, IL. Also, during this time, he became both a certified Healthy Congregations Facilitator and Trainer and a certified Bridgebuilder working with Dr. Peter Steinke, adapting and applying Family Systems thinking to congregational life. Originally ordained in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Pastor Jerry first became a pastor in the A.E.L.C. (church breakoff from the Mo. Synod) and then the ELCA.

In addition to attending grandchildren's activities whenever possible he and his wife enjoy traveling, golfing, photography, woodworking (especially woodturning), beekeeping, and reading. In addition, Jerry enjoys capturing thoughts and feelings in poetry and has "penned" several hymns. Welcome, Pastor Jerry!