

TEMPLE TALK

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We began looking for a Lutheran Church in the area after purchasing a condo in the area in 2002 to decide if this would be a place we might want to consider retiring to. We would occasionally visit TEP on weekends and during our vacation time at the lake.



Each time we visited Trinity, we were greeted warmly and felt very comfortable from the very beginning. It didn't take long before we started to feel like this church had everything we were looking for.

The major enticement of this church was that three denominations worship together in harmony. Imagine! A church that relishes inclusion rather than division. The newmember classes that we attended further convinced us to join TEP after we moved here fulltime in 2006. Gary's character, warmth and preaching style was most instrumental in our decision to join TEP as he made us feel like family right from the beginning.

What's most impressive about TEP is the many and varied ministries that are available to our parishioners. During our working careers, we both had jobs which did not allow much time for volunteer opportunities. Once we retired, Becki joined the Altar Guild and soon found herself as the ministry leader. Additionally, she led a group to form the Medical Response Team and then became leader of Ministry of Caring after our parish nurse retired. She also served on Parish Council and the Personnel Team. Meanwhile Al joined the Mules two months after retiring in 2008 and now leads this group along with leading the Memorial Garden committee and serving on the Safety Team, Finance Team, Transition Team and Parish Council.

We were both blessed with having two very successful careers. Becki as a Registered Nurse and Al in sales and management. God has provided for us most generously and so tithing is part of our annual financial planning. Not only with Trinity but with the many other charities that are near and dear to both our hearts.

Al first learned generosity while serving as an acolyte at a Lutheran Church in Flint, Michigan. After completing three years in public schools, I started attending the grade school at our church. My parents could not afford the tuition for me to attend this school but somehow the church managed to find the financial means for me to attend through the eighth grade. These years not only provided the foundation for my Christian life but lifelong friends whom I still stay in contact with today. God provided me the loan for me to attend the Lutheran school some 60 years ago and today I continue to joyfully and generously pay him back interest payments on that loan.

Our greatest hope for TEP is that we use our people, ministries and financial resources God has given TEP today to help recruit and grow future parishioners to lead our parish for generations to come. Becki's greatest hope is to find someone to lead the Medical Response Team.