

Elder's Corner May 2024

With our upcoming move to Nebraska in June, our time at Salem is drawing to a close. We started attending Salem when we moved to Fargo in the summer of 2000. We have absolutely loved our time here and it will be something we miss dearly when we move. Our daughter Olivia had just turned one and our other daughter, Clara, was born in October 2001. Our family of four grew up together with our Salem family during these past 24 years. It is not something that we will easily leave behind.

When I think about our current values as a church, Biblical Truth, Extravagant Love, Intentional Community, Selfless Service, and Future Generations, these are things we have experienced so deeply over our time here. I could go on much longer (but I won't here) about how each of these values was experienced so richly for our family through small groups, kid's & youth ministry, Bible Study Tuesday, being an elder, and so much more. All these things have set us up so well as we look to the future.

We are excited about this next step for our family. Grace and I will continue to work with Cru in Nebraska seeking to win, build, and send college students as ambassadors for Christ. We have loved doing that in the FM area and look forward to doing many of those same things in Lincoln. We are also looking forward to doing that alongside our family. Both of our daughters currently live in Lincoln and it will be great to be closer to them (and our grandson, Judah, who was born to Olivia and Austin last September). Clara will be an intern with Cru on the Nebraska team this next year and it will be wonderful to work closely with her there.

We are also excited about the next steps for Salem. Salem is in great hands and is heading in a great direction. We will deeply miss this church family and would appreciate your prayers as we look for a new church home in Lincoln.

Our recent sermon series in Mark has been such a blessing. One of my favorite verses is Mark 7:37 where it says "People were overwhelmed with amazement." It is my prayer that as we continue to see and experience the real Jesus we will be more and more overwhelmed with amazement at Him. Thanks, Salem, for a great journey over these past 24 years.

Pete Youlden