

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Highland:

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Ruth and I really enjoyed our visit with you at the beginning of March. Thank you for your hospitality and fellowship! In turn, we were pleased to be invited to come and serve with you for awhile. I am glad the timing worked out neatly to help at Highland during a pivotal transitional season for you.

Wrapping up at New Life Church here in Illinois is proving a bit more challenging after a second pastor just declined our call to come. But the church is in a good place to carry on the search. Plus we have a capable, retired pastor in our church who is willing to cover needed bases.

Our final Sunday at New Life is planned for a week after Easter. That Sunday afternoon we aim to stop by our younger son, Derek, in the Grand Rapids area. Then we plan to meet the trailer hauling our stuff at the Highland parsonage late morning on Monday, April 12. We hope a few able bodied people will be able to help us unload.

Ruth and I are looking forward to getting to getting to know you more personally and listening to your experiences at Highland Church. I look forward to working with the council to take thoughtful steps to prepare for a new chapter- marked by love, unity, and fruitful ministry together.

I have long appreciated email as a handy way to communicate. My address is npjasperse@gmail.com. You are welcome to introduce yourself to me or share any insights about Highland Church and the area- before or after we arrive.

I send this letter in the spirit of Ephesians 3:20-21: **Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!**

Warmly yours in Christ, Pastor Neil