



Greetings!

I am excited to begin ministry beside all of you at Canaan Lutheran Church. I was ordained in 1999, but this is only my third call since I served Messiah Lutheran in Reynoldsburg for 23 years. My last Sunday at Messiah was on June 21. In the call process at Canaan, I have grown to appreciate the friendliness and enthusiasm of all the Canaan members. I was impressed with how well you have cared for your building and property. I am especially encouraged by the children and youth in the congregation and recent newer members that have joined the ministry. I am especially looking forward to the Sundays that you serve ice cream. There are a lot of good things happening at Canaan.

My wife Paige and I have made a home in the Columbus area since 1992. We both grew up in Toledo and started dating in High School. We have three grown children and eight grandchildren. We own a cottage on Cinnamon Lake, which is where we will stay when I am in ministry with all of you. My initial plan is to work from my office in the church at the beginning of the week. My priority will be setting up visits in your homes or at the church to get to know you in my first months. I will be in the office on August 3 and lead worship for the first time on August 9, which happens to be the day I turn 62! I am thankful for your careful discerning and the good work of the Holy Spirit that has brought us together. God is good.

Peace,
Pastor Karl

From Liz:

Welcome, Pastor Karl Hanf to Canaan Lutheran Church! His first Sunday with us will be August 9, 2026. A luncheon & celebration will follow.

Thank you to our call committee for all of their hard work and time spent navigating the call process. We made huge strides through each phase over the last two and a half years because of you. Thank you to church council for your help along the way carrying motions and approving the call recommendation. I'm proud of all that we have accomplished together during this process.

Liz

