

Meet Pastor Tom Mroch and Christine



Pastor Tom Mroch was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1945. After his freshman year of high school, his father, a pastor, took a call to Evansville, Indiana. Evansville remains home for his mother; his father was called to heavenly rest seven years ago. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 1971. Pastor Tom ministered in Indiana, three parishes in Nebraska, at Holy Cross, Colorado Springs, CO and in Ohio.

After thirty years as a parish pastor, he was Administrative Assistant to two Nebraska District presidents. He then served for four years as pastor in Kearney, Nebraska before he moved to semi-retirement in 2007. During the past two-and-a-half years, he has served as the vacancy pastor at Christ Lutheran, Denver and Gethsemane Lutheran, Northglenn. The Mrochs have been members at Our Father since December, 2008.

Pastor Tom's wife Chris is originally from Lombard, IL. Chris is a registered nurse with special skills in pediatrics; she works part time in the Cardiac Clinic at Denver Children's Hospital. The Mrochs daughter Julie Luplow (Steve) lives in Aurora, CO, and they have two children. The Mroch's son Jonathan (Janell) also lives in Aurora and they are the parents of eight-month-old Abigail.

When asked to describe his pastoral approach and practice, Mroch replied,

"My approach is to 'build one another up in the bond of peace.' God's people need encouragement and to be 'built up,' especially in times of discouragement and stress. And so through preaching and teaching and example, I want to be that kind of pastor who builds up members and those beyond the membership list of the church through the power of the Gospel. I find that I have gifts for one-on-one ministry with people and also gifts for working with groups, empowering them to discover vision and energy for ministry."

Pastor Mroch describes his strengths in ministry as:

"Staying focused on a gospel-centered ministry; leading God's people toward a positive, spiritual outlook; preaching and teaching God's Word; challenging the congregation to see God's potential or vision for their future; and encouraging members in Christian witness and outreach."

Pastor Mroch feels very comfortable working in a multi-staff setting, seeing ministry as a "team" enterprise. All of the congregations he has served have had staff teams and most have been the size of Our Father or larger.

Hobbies or activities that he pursues outside of his regular work of ministry include golf, skiing, occasional attendance at sports events, reading, travel, engaging in fix up projects around the house and visits with family and friends.

The Mrochs reside at 21183 East Jefferson Avenue, Aurora, CO 80013. Their phone number is 720-379-6376; their personal email is tcmroch@yahoo.com. Pastor Tom uses mrocht@yahoo.com for ministry email.

Even as we welcomed Pastor and Chris into the Our Father family in 2008, we now rejoice to welcome them to our professional ministry staff!