

Meet Pastor Bert

Trinity Lutheran Church is blessed to have Rev. Bert Matlock as our full time Pastor!

Pastor Bert is a “second career” pastor and has been serving Trinity since November 2008.

He grew up in Cocoa Beach, Fl, and graduated from Cocoa Beach High School in 1974. Upon graduation from high school Bert joined the United States Army and served as a chaplain assistant. In 1977 he completed his tour of duty and was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. He always had an interest in law enforcement and in 1978 he joined the ranks of the Florida Highway Patrol. Bert held the position of trooper until being promoted to sergeant in 1987. In 1992 Vicar Bert served in the aviation section as an airplane and a helicopter pilot.

In 1998 Bert felt the Lord’s pull (again) and began studying theology. He traveled to Concordia Seminary – St. Louis for a visit and with much prayer, felt the call to full time ministry. He retired from the Florida Highway Patrol in May 2005 and began serving Hope Lutheran Church in Pompano Beach, Florida. In 2008 Bert felt that God wanted him to serve Him at Trinity.

Pastor Bert Graduated from Concordia Seminary-St. Louis February 10, 2012 and was ordained and installed as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church Wakulla on March 18, 2012.

Bert, his wife Ingrid, who is a big part of his ministry, and their children Erik and Annika live in Sopchoppy with their two horses (he built the corral), two dogs and a cat or two where he also houses his “Trooper” Edition Harley!