

## **ABOUT PASTOR SCHMIDT**

The Rev. Edward H. Schmidt is a native of Colorado. He grew up in the Denver metro area making his home in both Denver and Arvada as a child and teenager. He attended Pomona High School where he graduated in 1979. After graduation, he worked for First Bank of Wheat Ridge as well as for Coors Brewery.

After a short while working in the secular world, he enrolled in Concordia University of Seward, Nebraska where he majored in history and minored in theology. He graduated from Concordia in 1985. It was at Seward where he met his wife Mary, also a 1985 graduate of Seward. Mary had a dual major in Elementary Education and Physical Education and served as a Lutheran teacher in various places, including Franklin, Nebraska and Rifle, Colorado. From Concordia, Seward, they headed for Ft. Wayne, Indiana where Pastor Schmidt attended Concordia Theological Seminary. He served on the Student Council and majored in systematic theology graduating in 1989.

His first call into the ministry was to Grace Lutheran Church of Franklin, Nebraska where he and Mary opened a Lutheran school. After 7 & 1/2 years there, Pastor Schmidt and Mary took a call to his second congregation - Immanuel Lutheran Church of St. Ansar, Iowa. After 5 & 1/2 years in Iowa he accepted a call to Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Rifle, Colorado where he would serve for the next 16 years. In late 2017 Pastor Schmidt took a call to First Lutheran Church of Knoxville, Tennessee. This call, however, lasted only a short while upon which he and Mary returned to Colorado where he preached in various congregations for the next year. After serving a vacancy at St. Luke's Lutheran Church for several months, he was called to be their regular pastor.

Over the years, Pastor Schmidt served the LCMS in numerous capacities. He served on the Iowa East Board of Directors as a Circuit Counselor (Visitor) on numerous occasions, four-time representative to the LCMS National Convention, both District and Zone LWML Pastoral Counselor as well as Convocation Coordinator.

During the years, Pastor Schmidt and Mary were blessed with four wonderful children - Andrew and wife Amy of Parker, Colorado, Abbey and fiancé Brian of Lexington, Kentucky, Adrienne and husband Drew of Hartford, Wisconsin and youngest daughter Annie of Cherry Creek, Colorado. The Schmidts enjoy their family very much and have had many wonderful years in ministry. They are looking forward to an exciting new beginning at St. Luke's in Golden.