

P R O C L A M A T I O N

IN APPRECIATION FOR PASTOR KATHY NOLTE APRIL 9, 2024

WHEREAS, it is with great appreciation that we join all of Oak Park in celebrating Pastor Kathy Nolte upon her retirement as Lead Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church after 15 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kathy Nolte has provided leadership and service to the greater Oak Park community through involvement with Crop Walk, Housing Forward, Beyond Hunger, Community of Congregations, Positive Youth Development, and with the Oak Park Regional Housing Center; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kathy reimagined and led new ways of maintaining community at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church throughout the COVID 19 pandemic with grace and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kathy Nolte led the rebuilding of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church facilities following a fire which rendered the building unusable for more than two years; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kathy has provided service to other congregations through leadership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, as Conference Dean, and through relationships with area clergy and their communities including Kidz Express and Bethel Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kathy Nolte exemplifies love for all people by opening the doors and rallying the support of the Good Shepherd community to respond to needs of our asylum seeking neighbors and the unhoused who live among us; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kathy Nolte's work of leading and serving will continue as she assumes a full time role as Associate to the Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kathy Nolte has demonstrated for all of Oak Park unparalleled leadership focused on the importance of partnerships with great compassion and strength; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Village of Oak Park, we express our sincere appreciation to Pastor Kathy Nolte for her impactful tenure as Lead Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Oak Park, Illinois, and we congratulate Pastor Kathy upon her retirement from

this chapter of her work, expressing our sincere gratitude for her unwavering dedication and service, and wish her much fulfillment in the future. A celebration will take place in her honor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on April 13th from 2-5pm. All are welcome.

NOW, THEREFORE, Village President Vicki Scaman and the Board of Trustees do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 9, 2024 as a day of appreciation honoring Pastor Kathy Nolte for her service to our Village.

DATED this 9th day of April, 2024.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk