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I grew up in Illinois where I met my husband (Neal) of more than 50 years at Augustana College in Rock Island. We have three grown children and four grandchildren. We are active members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton, CA, where I serve on Church Council, sing in the choir, help with Bible School, and attend and lead Bible Study. My faith community is very important to me.

I am a retired elementary school teacher and a lay member of the Candidacy Committee. It is an honor to support and encourage those who have been called to be pastors in the ELCA. My faith is strengthened as I work with candidates going through this process. I pray to always be led by the Spirit and especially as a representative on the Candidacy Committee. Prayer is powerful! Recently, I had two surgeries in six months and can feel the prayers of others supporting my recovery.

I believe God loves all of His creation. On the 7th day of creation, it was proclaimed that all is good! It is our calling to respect and support all of that creation. The Bible is the word of God. God meets us both in His word and in the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. This same God is everywhere and loves us unconditionally. My relationship with God sustains me through joys and sorrows. Throughout the pandemic, my faith gave me hope. Jesus died for all humans. This death on the cross and resurrection paid for our sins. We are saved by grace through faith. I am called to share the love of Christ not only in my own circle of friends but to be in community with people of all colors and genders. The Holy Spirit leads and guides us in our faith. I believe that God has blessed us with eternal life. I am sure of God's arms surrounding us with love and peace!

My two favorite Bible verses are:

Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Psalm 118: 24 This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!