

St. John's Hosts the Institution of St. Mark's New Pastor

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6:00 PM

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, which meets for worship in Port Royal, has been a partner with St. John's in the ministry of Family Promise since the program first came into being.

At that time, the congregation was known as St. Mark's Chapel, and was not yet a congregation of the Episcopal Church. Last year, St. Mark's officially became a congregation of the Episcopal Church, a part of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, which is the name of the newly reorganized Episcopal diocese.

Having made this transition from an "unofficial" worshipping community to an "official" organized congregation, St. Mark's has now also made another exciting move forward by calling the Rev. Jim Dannals to be the congregation's first called vicar, or pastor. He began his duties as priest of the congregation in recent weeks.

In planning the Rev. Dannals Service of Institution (what we Lutherans call an installation – seems like Lutherans and Episcopalians have different terms for everything!), the St. Mark's team decided to ask St. John's to allow the service to be held in our building. As St. Mark's has been a valued partner in ministry for so long, an enthusiastic "Yes" was given immediately! Therefore, it now gives me great pleasure to officially announce this joyous occasion!

St. John's Lutheran Church is very pleased to host and to announce the Service of Institution and Induction of the Rev. Jim Dannals as the first Vicar of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Port Royal, SC. The Right Reverent Charles vonRosenberg, bishop of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, will preside.

The public is invited to share in this joyous worship, as the St. Mark's congregation gives thanks to God at the institution of its first pastor!