

Good afternoon. I am humbled to be given this opportunity to serve our congregation as an Elder for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term. The picture behind me is of my wife of 28 years, Monica, our oldest daughter Hanna, our son Noah, and our youngest daughter Sophie. I consider it a huge responsibility to shepherd my family and the members of Trinity Community Church. We have attended Trinity for 19 and consider it a privilege to serve the body of Christ. Over the years we have served as VBS leaders, Sunday school teachers, small group leaders for adults and high schoolers. I am currently serving as a college group leader along with Monica, and our older children our serving in Thrive and Junior High. We love this church and appreciate the love that we have received from this body over the years. Like many others I grew up in a Christian home and attended church on a regular basis. I was able to check the box off as a Christian but realized later that I did not have a true saving faith in Christ. Through a variety of challenges with our older children I came to realize that I could not do things on my own but needed a savior, a shepherd, and a Holy Spirit to shape me, care for me, and guide me. Over the course of weeks, months and years I realized that my only hope was to put my faith in Christ and surrender to his authority alone. God continues to mold and shape me through the teaching of his word here at Trinity, Brother to Brother Bible study, time in God's word, and fellowship with other believers. I would love to get to know all of you better and hear your story and share more of mine. I am looking forward to humbly serving this body and continuing to grow more like Christ.