

### New Pastor called for Hope

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church of Citrus Springs has called The Rev. Stephen Allen Brisson Of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as a full-time pastor. Pastor Steve, as he prefers to be called, accepted quickly and will be coming to Hope in Mid-August. The call culminated in a two year long process undergone by the congregation. The vote was unanimous.

Pastor Stephen Brisson has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Framingham State College and a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Formerly a senior scientist at Mantrose-Haeuser Co., pastor Steve served for 5 years as pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in Kendall New York and then moved to Plainville, Connecticut to become pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in 2005 until recently resigning to take the Hope position in 2018.

Pastor Steve is known for using the phrase, "God stuff always come down to relationships," meaning that the centrality of relationship/community is who we are and what we are called to do."

he will be joined in his new ministry at Hope by his wife Sarah.