

Hi! I'm Jeanne Warner, a longtime member of Immanuel in Norwood, I have a story about how I saw prayer and God at work in my life.

I had a job that was causing me a lot of stress. But it was hard to think about starting another job at the age of 60. One day, I was in the church office with our church's secretary Vi and she gave me an announcement for a job opening as a Secretary at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. I kind of put it aside at first and then thought – what the heck – go for it. I applied for the position, had an interview and prayed. I really felt in my heart that this was what God was leading me to do. Timing was perfect (as you may have heard it said things happen in "God's time"). This felt so right. Now all I needed was for Holy Spirit Lutheran to realize that also. It was a couple weeks, but I finally got the call from Pastor Cheryl that they were offering me the job! I was so excited to start on a new venture (though I was still apprehensive) but I knew also that I would gain a new church family in addition to my Immanuel church family which gave me comfort. And I did! After a while into my job, I then realized it wasn't just about what I needed, but I think they needed me also. You never know where life is going to take you at any age, but with God's guidance, I knew I was going in the right direction.

My key learning to share with you is that in times of stress and decisions to make, remember God is always there and willing to listen. Take the time to pray. Just remember to be patient as the guidance will come in God's time, not necessarily in our time. At Immanuel, we have an active prayer list which is shared each week during our service and also published in our newsletter. Names can be added at any time by talking to the Pastor, one of the worship assistants or contacting the church office. If you find yourself in need of prayer we'd be happy to include you too!