

Pastor Doug was born in Huron, South Dakota while his father attended Huron College. His father then became a Pastor in the Presbyterian church. Pastor Doug spent much of his younger years in the Midwest, with a short time on the East Coast while his father went to Army Chaplain's school. Their first duty station was at Fort Polk Louisiana, followed by moving to San Jose, California; Seattle, Washington; and finally Monterey, California. Upon completion of his time in the Army, Pastor Doug's father took a call to Winona, Minnesota where Pastor Doug graduated from High School. He then volunteered to join the Army and was stationed in Baumholder, Germany.

Upon completion of his enlistment, Pastor Doug returned to Winona, Minnesota and entered into Winona State College. This is where he met his wife of 40+ years, Linda. On June 17th, 1978, they began their journey together. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of WI – Stevens Point with a degree in Forestry Management. He then spent the next 21 years working in the Forest Products industry. In 1994 he completed his Business degree with a Master's in Business Administration. This ultimately leading him to open his own company, Minnesota Sash and Glass.

In 2001, he felt God's urging him to enter into full-time ministry and in 2002 Doug entered into Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Leaning on his sale and entrepreneurial skills, he focused on the church planting route and was called to plant his first church in Leesburg, Virginia, in 2005. Upon a successful launch of Christ Community Lutheran Church and Leesburg Open Arms Child Development Center, Pastor Doug was called to plant another Lutheran church in Prattville, Alabama. With Messiah Church successfully planted, Pastor Doug moved on to his new location in Minneapolis, Minnesota where he served as the Interim Pastor for New Creation Lutheran Church in Shakopee, Minnesota to facilitate the successful revitalization of the church and their ministries.

They have been blessed with two daughters, three beautiful granddaughters and a wonderful son-in-law. Pastor Doug has a passion for reaching the lost with the Good News of Jesus Christ and for helping churches realize their full potential as a part of God's kingdom.