

Recent installations at Zion Lutheran, American Lutheran churches.

A chance meeting at a Minnesota retreat center 35 years ago eventually led to marriage for Jon and Carol Mapa.

Fortunately for the Gothenburg community, they are both ministers and were hired to fill the pulpit at American Lutheran and Zion Lutheran churches.

Both were installed at their respective churches on Jan. 26.

"Nebraska wasn't on our list," Carol said when the couple filed mobility papers for new calls.

"We were looking at places closer to our elderly parents in California and Minnesota."

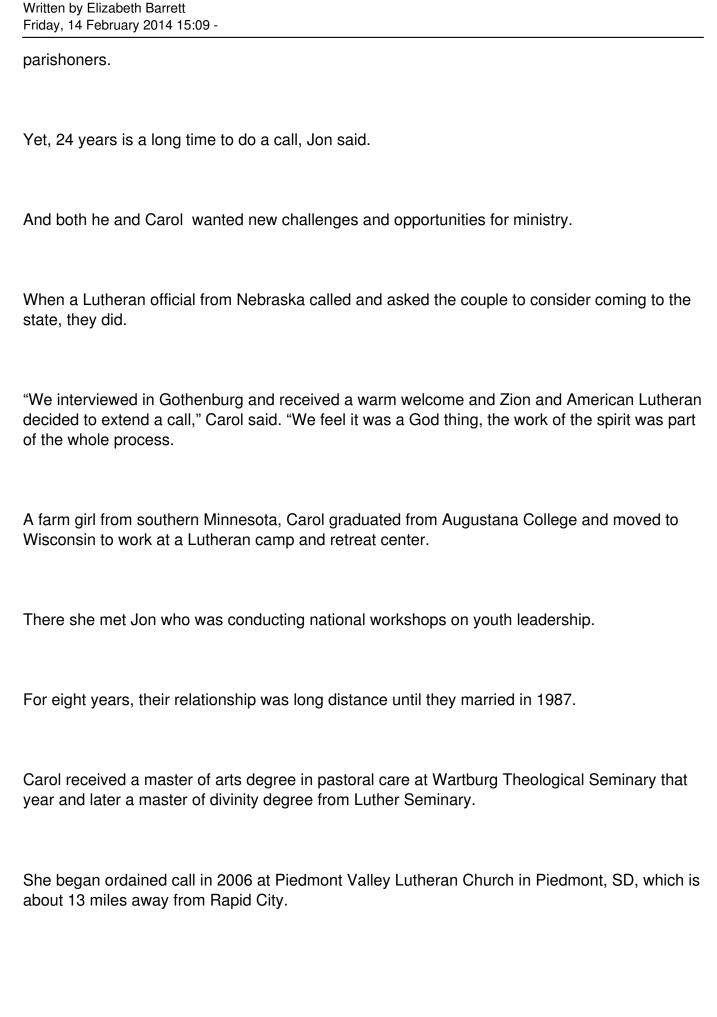
Most recently, Jon served at Atonement Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD.

For six years, he and Carol both did campus ministry at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City.

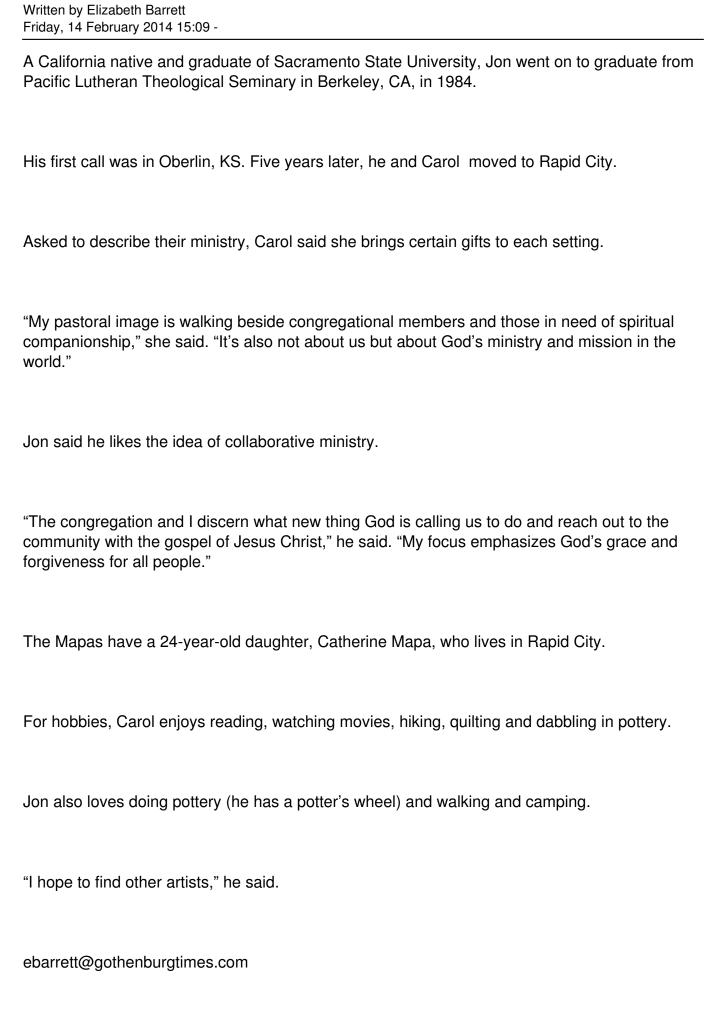
"It was a wonderful place to do ministry and the people were wonderful," Jon said about serving in Rapid City.

In fact, the congregation had just finished building a new church and the Mapas helped a Native American church—Woyatan Lutheran—relocate into the one vacated by Atonement

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