Pastor Mark serves as Zion’s Lead Pastor and has been in ministry for over 30 years. When he’s not in the pulpit, you can find him biking, swimming, or on a walk with his wife, Cheryl. During the school year, Cheryl works in the Eden Valley Elementary School as a Title 1 reading tutor with first through sixth grade students. They have two adult children: Rachel is a 4th grade elementary teacher in Maple Grove, MN and is married to Samuel who’s a middle school science teacher; and Adam is a jazz musician (guitar) performing and teaching in Monterey, CA.

Mark is an avid listener to music, MPR and podcasts which he regularly does while driving back and forth from their Cold Spring, MN home. Once a week or so he drives in silence praying and thinking while appreciating the subtle and sometimes stark changes of the rural scenery.

There are few things he loves more than visiting and hearing the uniqueness of people’s stories. He has a fierce love of the Holy Spirit and the amazing way it moves in and all around us.