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I was born and raised in the Natal Midlands and spent my entire school career at Deutsche Schule Hermannsburg. After school, I studied at Cedara agricultural college and spent the next 35 years farming, 8 years in Kroondal and the rest on my wife, Maureen's family farm in Bethlehem.

Maureen is a teacher and we met as students in Pietermaritzburg, got married and have 3 children. Our two eldest, Gabie and Stephan, together with their spouses, have now taken over the family farming business and our youngest, Ingrid, has just completed her master's in theology.

When God called me at the age of 45, I started studying and attained my Bachelor of Theology in 2017. I was farming full time, studying, and was involved in the Bethlehem Methodist church as an itinerant preacher for 12 years. After completing my 2nd theological exam at NELCSA in 2018, I entered full-time ministry in the Lutheran Church. I have been serving the Vanderbijlpark Lutheran congregation since 2017. Currently I am completing a series of courses in trauma counselling.

My passion lies in serving people in whatever way I can. I am compassionate, kind and caring and have a deep love for people. In my spare time I enjoy cycling and hiking with friends and family.

What makes church especially relevant today for people and society is that it is the only place where people can be reconciled to God and to each other, whether you are within a community of believers or not. It is a place where humanity can find healing and wholeness through Christ our Lord.

