

# FLAG PRESENTATION

On March 7, 2010, St. John's Lutheran Church in Effingham was presented with an American Flag that had been flown in Afghanistan. LCDR Kirby Tolch was stationed with the Navy on Firebase Torkham Gate and last September 11 raised the flag. He then took it home when he completed his tour of duty to be presented to his home church.

The Reverend Theodore Gall, Senior pastor at St. John's, accepted the gift from Lyle and Jane Tolch, parents of LCDR Tolch. Because of his duties, LCDR Tolch was not able to be present, but Pastor gratefully acknowledged the flag to be flown at the church and later displayed in a place of honor.

*Pictured: Jane and Lyle Tolch; Rev. Theodore Gall*

