

Pastoral Call List

Listed below are the pastors we will be contacting as part of our call process:

Rev. Paul Albers-serving as Sole Pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church (121 baptized members, average worship attendance 54) Vermillion, SD since 2016. Rev. Albers received his BA from Valparaiso University in 2012 and his M. Div. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 2016. He is not married. Concordia Lutheran Church is on the edge of the University of South Dakota campus and provides ministry to the LCMS students of USD-Vermillion. He is comfortable with both traditional and contemporary styles of worship. He prefers ministry opportunities that engage the community and working with older youth and young adults. He considers his strength in ministry to be his desire to create, build and develop relationships through which he can share the Gospel and his dedication to the work he is called to do.

Rev. Stephen DeMik-installed in 2009 as the Associate Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church (2251 baptized members, average weekly attendance 722) Cypress, TX. In 2016 he helped to develop and launch Cypress Chapel, a satellite ministry of St. John. Rev. DeMik received his BA from Valparaiso University in 2003 and his M. Div. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 2008. He is married since 2004 and has 4 children under the age of 11. His wife Natalie is a Lutheran Deaconess. He is comfortable with both traditional and contemporary styles of worship. In 2017 he was commissioned as a Reserve Chaplain (LT) in the U.S. Navy and will need to report to a naval base (in Chicago or Denver) 4 times a year. He has training and experience in Church Planting and Disaster Relief. He considers his strengths in ministry to be leading worship, singing, preaching and incarnational leadership. He enjoys ministry opportunities that involve urban/intercity areas and community presence and missional community living.

Rev. Kevin Foley-serves as Sole Pastor at First Lutheran Church (200 baptized members, average weekly attendance 110) in Placerville, CA since 2015. Rev. Foley received his DCE from Concordia University, St. Paul in 1998 and graduated from the Pastoral Certificate Program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne in 2016. He is married since 2012 and has 3 children ages 7 and under. His wife Anna is a teacher. He is comfortable with both traditional and contemporary styles of worship. He has experience in Conflict Resolution, Counseling and Stephen Ministry. He has served as a DCE, a youth minister, and worked overseas with LCMS missions in Taiwan and worked with jail ministry. He has specific interest in inner-city and multi-racial work. He considers his strengths in ministry to be preaching, outreach/evangelism and building relationships.

Rev. Elden Kohn-serves as Sole Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church (394 baptized members, average worship attendance 129) Macon, MO since 2013. He received his BA in 2004 from Saginaw Valley State University and his M. Div. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 2013. He is married since 2008 and has 4 children ages 9 and under. His wife Molly is a teacher. He is comfortable with both traditional and contemporary styles of worship. He has worked as a missionary, an EFL (English as a Foreign Language) teacher and a Lutheran school teacher. At Zion he followed a long term pastor of 35 years. His strengths in ministry are a genuine interest in people, listening and learning who they are and recognizing his own dependence on Jesus Christ for forgiveness and new life.