







## Meet Stephanie Gossett Candidate for Associate Pastor at English and St. John's

Stephanie Gossett is recommended for Call to the position of Associate Pastor to English Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran by the joint call committee.

Stephanie Gossett is a first call candidate from the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod.



She completed her Masters of Divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN this year. She opened herself to service in the wider church and was assigned to the Eastern North Dakota Synod. She is specifically looking for an Associate Pastor position and to be able to work with a team. When asked about why she is willing to leave Texas, she responded, "We've had 40 days over 100 degrees this summer."

Her personal ministry statement from her Rostered Minister Profile is: *I am called: to lead and teach, directly and by example, how to identify both God and neighbor; to draw people into and help nurture the relationship God calls us to through: studying scripture, leading worship, joining in fellowship, and meeting God in mission where God is already working in the world, in order to foster understanding that each person is a minister with gifts to offer the priesthood of all believers, and that we must learn from one another through sharing those gifts in ministry together.*

She lists her areas of expertise as: Music/Worship/Arts, Preaching/Worship leadership, Small Group Ministry, Teaching, and Innovation/Creativity. She has experience as a camp counselor and spent a decade as a teacher, including introductory Spanish and five years as a 11<sup>th</sup> Grade English teacher. She served her pastoral internship at Grace Lutheran Church in Dawson, MN. She is willing to live in the parsonage in Medina. Mutual Expectations: Pastors Erik and Stephanie will provide a total of 20 hours per week of pastoral leadership for English Lutheran Church and 60 hours per week of pastoral leadership for St. John's.



## Christians in Action

Seven ELCA congregations that decided to participate in a first set of goals now call this partnership, Christians in Action. A shared website with links to individual congregation websites is located at [NDChristiansAct.org](http://NDChristiansAct.org). Additional information about the shared ministry of our congregations will be posted there in the coming weeks.

Updates on current actions:

The call committee from St. John's and English has recommended Stephanie Gossett to be the new Associate Pastor for St. John's and English. A congregational meeting has been scheduled on October 9 for a vote. (see additional information elsewhere in the newsletter)

The search team for a Director of Youth and Family Ministries is reviewing the information from a recent survey about expectations for youth ministries. They are developing a position description and expectations for how this staff member will serve the congregations and community. The position has not yet been posted.

Proposed budgets for September 1– December 31, 2022 and for January 1— December 31, 2023 have been prepared to present to Councils for their planning purposes. At this time, each congregation is asked to pay an equal amount of \$50 a month to cover shared administrative expenses (such as a website, domain name, and other similar agreed upon costs.) Each congregation will also be asked to contribute additional funds based on the services they receive from the partnership. For example, if a congregation has a guest preacher from one of the other congregations come on a Sunday, the congregation will pay for that service and for related mileage. A shared partnership bank account with authorized signers from 3 of the 7 congregations has been set up to handle the payments between congregations. This is the former Medina-Streeter Parish Account.

Work will soon begin on a shared "Treasure Chest" of resources. This will be an electronic list of physical items and electronic resources each congregation has that they are willing to share with the other congregations. If you are aware of items that would be appropriate to share, please speak with Bryan Behm so the items get into the Treasure Chest.

If working with the Treasure Chest sounds like a role you would enjoy, you can be connected with members from other congregations to tend to this list. (You probably won't be called pirates, unless you like that name.)

Congregations participating in Christians in Action:

Atonement, Jamestown	Christ the King, Ellendale	Emmanuel, Gackle
English, Medina	St. John's, Jamestown	
Trinity, Jamestown	Zion, Kulm	



# BIRTHDAYS

## October

Olive Lytle	Oct 1
Jayden Opp	Oct 2
Becky Greer	Oct 4
Charlee Jo Gefroh	Oct 6
Rikki Della Andres	Oct 7
Isaac Olson	Oct 11
Ron Otto	Oct 13
Destiny Opp	Oct 13
Dave Kooker	Oct 17
Leona Morlock	Oct 18
Kane Schmidt	Oct 20
Oliver Hofmann	Oct 20
Ashley Opp	Oct 20
Leila Mae Harr	Oct 20
Daniel Juelfs	Oct 22
Nick Andres	Oct 22
Gene Guthmiller	Oct 25
Lucas Lytle	Oct 25
Erica Olson	Oct 26
Maynard Dockter	Oct 27
Kurt Hayes	Oct 28
Jeremy Ford	Oct 28
Xander Hayes	Oct 28
Jessica Dong	Oct 29
Mike Schleske	Oct 29
Carrie Kapp	Oct 30
Bruce Liebold	Oct 30

## November

Brady Andres	Nov 3
Patty Roemmich	Nov 4
Trina Hayes	Nov 7
Brent Kleven	Nov 11
Isayah Olson	Nov 11
Ron Headland	Nov 11
Virginia Jeanotte	Nov 11
Renae Olson	Nov 12
Bryan Andres	Nov 12
Jahleel Opp	Nov 19
Larry Junker	Nov 21
Angel Hayes	Nov 22
Betty Christensen	Nov 26
Dennis Behm	Nov 27
Patrice Juelfs	Nov 28
William Juelfs	Nov 29
Doug Schmidt	Nov 30

## Celebrating October/November Anniversaries

Dwight & Janine Hofmann	Oct 7, 1978
Ceph & Brittany Dockter	Oct 12, 2019
Wayne & Sue Reardon	Oct 18, 1975
Clarence & Ethel Heinle	Nov 3, 1973
Rory & Kim Hoffmann	Nov 27, 1993

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Tillman Theobald Dockter  
 son of Ceph and Brittany Dockter  
 was baptized August 21, 2022  
 Sponsors: Jason & JaSondra Dockter  
 and Kyle & Regan Aasand  
 God's Blessings