



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28

Greetings to all members of First Lutheran Church,

It is with great excitement and joy that we inform you that it's time to meet our pastoral candidates!

On June 13, the Call Committee officially recommended a clergy couple to serve as Co-Pastors of First Lutheran Church. The Council voted and approved their recommendation. Therefore, it's now time to present the candidates to the congregation, with a call now dependent on your vote.

At this point, confidentiality is still very important. The candidates have not given notice in their current positions, so we are not able to publicly share their names or any details until their next scheduled visit to Kearney.

Here are details of their upcoming visit, where you will get to meet the candidates and learn all about them:

Saturday, June 24th

- "Mrs. Candidate" will preside and "Mr. Candidate" will preach during the 6pm service.
- A meet-and-greet will follow in Centennial Hall, starting at 7 PM.
 - Please join us for cookies, coffee, and a chance to interact with the Co-Pastor candidates.

Sunday, June 25

- "Mrs. Candidate" will preside and "Mr. Candidate" will preach during the 8:45 AM service.
- "Mr. Candidate" will preside and "Mrs. Candidate" will preach during the 10:30 AM service.
 - *Can't make either service? Be sure to watch online at firstlutherankearney.org. Each service will also be available to review for up to 1 month.*
- Annual Meeting in between services at 9:50 AM.
 - **IMPORTANT:** There will be NO discussion and NO voting regarding the pastoral candidates at the Annual Meeting. Another congregational meeting will be scheduled for this important discussion and vote (See details below).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 AT 7:00 PM

- After a few days of discernment and prayerful consideration, we will gather again for Q&A and discussion of these candidates. Additional information regarding salary and more will be presented.
- The congregation will vote to officially call this Co-Pastor team to faithfully serve First Lutheran Church. *All members can vote, including confirmed youth. Per the constitution, NO absentee voting is allowed.*
- Please understand that, especially this time of year, it is virtually impossible to find a date when every member is available to meet. This date has been set in consideration of avoiding the holiday weekend, while also allowing the candidates adequate time to give notice in their current positions, and plan their potential transition.

May God bless us as we take the next steps in this process.

First Lutheran Council

Kyle Means, Jen Puls, Lanny Gerdes, Wendell Wessels, Kelly Russman, CJ Sabah, Keith Powell, Myron Riddle, and Gary Anderson.