

Pastoral Call Form
Rev. Marcia L. Muir

I am serving as a member of the Pastoral Care Team at St. John's Lutheran Ministries in Billings. I would say that St. John's is a rare jewel across the landscape of senior care in our country. Few facilities and resources for seniors even acknowledge the spiritual lives of their residents, let alone do so within an organization which has a clear sense of mission grounded in Christian love and caring. I feel privileged to be a member of this pastoral team. While St. John's foundation was laid by 23 Lutheran churches, residents come from diverse faith backgrounds and St. John's intention is to be ecumenical. Yet despite providing "chaplain-like" services, at St. John's we retain the title of "Pastor," and I believe that hints at the deep connection St. John's maintains as a ministry of Christ's *Church*.

Date of Hire: August 24, 2016

Position: Part-time Chaplain (20 hrs/wk)

Payrate: \$ 26.00 per hour, with differential for on-call hours.

Ministry Responsibilities: Serve residents, their families, and staff through a ministry of presence and by listening and providing encouragement and support. Prepare and lead daily devotions, weekly Bible studies, sermons and worship services, including communion. Provide end of life support and write remembrance notices to all staff.

St. John's Lutheran Ministries mission statement reads,

"St. John's Lutheran Ministries is a community of diverse people sharing God's healing presence. Our mission is to provide living opportunities within nurturing environments of hope, dignity, and love. As a ministry of the church and as a not-for-profit organization, St. John's is committed to: being a mission directed organization, whose source is God's Word of love and hope for all humanity through the gift of Jesus Christ; providing a continuum of caring in the midst of life transitions; providing appropriate care, service, employment and volunteer opportunities with respect and love for all people; being a leader in innovation and sharing our knowledge and gifts; taking risks on behalf of people in need; practicing stewardship through wise management of our gifts and resources; fostering faithful, effective collaborations and partnerships within and beyond the Lutheran Church; being a place where all people are engaged and celebrated as both givers and receivers of love."

PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM

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Ecclesiastical Status: P.C. (USA) Teaching Elder (*Minister of Word and Sacraments*)
Presbytery of Plains and Peaks
Date of Ordination: November 19, 2006.

Formal Education:

Princeton Theological Seminary	Master of Divinity	2003
Western Evangelical Seminary (now George Fox)	Various courses in Marriage & Family Therapy; certified to administer the Prepare/Enrich Assessment (for premarital/marital counseling)	1992- 1993
Multnomah Biblical Seminary	Master Sacred Ministry (emphasis in women's ministry, family ministry, and counseling)	1989
Oregon State University	B.S. Family Life and Child Development	1981
University of Montana	Transferred to Oregon State (after two years)	1979

Continuing Education:

Healing Prayer, workshop sponsored by the Navigator's ministry, Colorado Springs, CO, Summer 2014.

Certification Seminar for Prepare/Enrich, seminar to refresh knowledge of the Prepare/Enrich instrument for use in premarital and marital counseling, Colorado Springs, CO, Summer 2014.

Intimacy: The Divine Ambush, conference with Richard Rohr and James Finley of the Center for Action and Contemplation, Santa Fe, NM, April 26-27, 2013.

Leadership and Anxiety in the Church, "A Family Systems Perspective," training provided by Richard Blackburn of Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Aurora, CO, May 14, 2013.

Western National Leadership Training (NWL) Synod Conference, Jackson Hole, Wyo., October 3-5, 2012.

Reading the Bible with Jewish Eyes, Rediscovering and Reclaiming the Jewish Jesus, presented by Rev. Rebekah Simon-Peter, Director of BridgeWorks. Held at the United Methodist Church, Yuma, CO, April 3, 2013.

Western National Leadership Training (NWL) Synod Conference, Jackson Hole, Wyo., October 5-7, 2011.

Leaders Transforming, sponsored by Denver Presbytery, Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center, November 16-17, 2013.

Malawi Mission Network, conference held at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center, August 24-25, 2012.

2011 Joe R. Engle Institute of Preaching, Princeton Seminary, July 24-29, 2011

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Workshop, Presbytery of Plains and Peaks, Longmont, CO, Nov. 12, 2010.

Hospice Volunteer Training, Riverstone Health, Billings, MT, October 8-10, 2008.

Nurturing the Faithful, Christian Education training provided by Cascades Lay Institute, Rev. Kathy Waugh - Instructor, October 2007.

Newly Ordained Pastor's Support (NOPS) group of Presbytery of the Cascades, Fall 2007.

Wisdom from the Elders, Whitworth Institute in Ministry (pastors' conference), Spokane, July 2007.

Cultivating Generosity: From Contribution to Total Commitment, Cascades Presbytery stewardship training with instructor Rev. Fred Mulligan, Assoc. for Stewardship Education, PC(USA), May 2007.

Interim Training Week I, St. Louis, October 2006.

Proclaiming Christ in a Post-Modern World, Whitworth Institute in Ministry, Spokane, July 2006.

Sabbath, National Presbyterian Women in Leadership Retreat (Presbyterians for Renewal, PFR), Susan Currie – Instructor, Philadelphia, May 2005.

Thriving in Ministry Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, Fall 2004.

Relevant Work Experience:

Chaplain Resident
Sept. '14 - May '15

UC Health/Memorial Hospital, Colorado Springs, CO

Chaplain in residency program at Memorial Hospital for which Centered Life community-based CPE provided classroom instruction and supervision. (3 Units)

Solo Pastor
Sept. '10 - Jan. '14

First Presbyterian Church, Yuma, CO

Solo pastor for congregation of 185 members, responsible for all aspects of the church's ministry.

Pulpit Supply; Adult Education
2008 - 2010

Various churches, First Presbyterian Church -- in Billings, MT

Chaplain
2008-2010

Senior Transitions, a private company assisting older adults with the transitions necessitated by aging; **Billings Clinic** (volunteer at Aspen Meadows Retirement Community)

Interim Pastor
Sept. '06 – May '08

United Presbyterian Church, Reedsport, OR

Solo pastor (interim) for small membership church responsible for all aspects of the church's ministry during this time of transition.

Assistant to the Pastor
March '03 - Sept. '04

Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church, New Hope, PA

Performed the duties of associate pastor (who was called to active duty as a military chaplain.) 450 member congregation in a commuter community.

Chaplaincy Intern
Summer 2002

Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, Trenton, NJ

Served as chaplain to women with serious mental illness at the state psychiatric hospital (the oldest in the country.) Fulfilled CPE requirement.

Pastoral Intern
Sept. 2000 - May 2001

Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, NJ

Worship leadership and preaching, staff resource for children's ministry. Led parent/child instruction for the Lord's Supper and the awarding of Bibles.

Chaplaincy Intern
January – August 2000

Monroe Village Retirement Community, Jamesburg, NJ

Served as chaplain to residents of the nursing care unit; prepared and led brief chapel service weekly. (When requested through remainder of seminary.)

Executive Assistant for Pastoral Ministries
June 1996 – June 1999

Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego, OR

As member of the Pastoral / Program Staff Team made significant contribution in communication to the congregation, provided support to the senior pastor and associates. 1200 member congregation in a suburban community outside Portland.

Secretary to the Secretary of the College
June 1994 - June 1996

Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR

Assisted the Secretary of the College (administrator serving the Board of Trustees on behalf of the President) in event planning (board meetings, annual Watzek Award Banquet) and cultivation of development contacts.

Other services to the Church or denomination:

- Presbytery Committees*** 2013 ***Mission and Partnership Workgroup and Nominating Committee, Presbytery of Plains and Peaks***
- Session Moderator*** 2012 ***Wray First Presbyterian Church Presbytery of Plains and Peaks***
- Chair, Adult Education Committee*** 1997-99 ***Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego, OR***
Led ministry team in developing vision and programs for equipping adults; facilitated adult classes. Joined the committee in 1995.
- Counselor*** 1992-93 ***Northwest Family Ministries, Portland, OR***
Intake and initial stages of counseling with primarily female clientele.
- Various:***
Children's Ministry Assistant 1991-92 ***Sunset Presbyterian Church, Portland, OR***
Recruitment of teachers for Sunday classes and VBS; administrative support to the Children's Minister.
- Director of Singles' Ministry*** 1989-90 Part-time. Programming for Sunday classes, activities, retreats, and pastoral care for single members of the congregation. Joined ministry team in 1987.
- Women's Ministry Committee*** 1987-88, 1990-91 Participation in the leadership of Women's Ministries. Coordinated special events including a women's breakfast and women's luncheon.
- Short-Term Missionary*** June – Dec. 1988 ***O.C. International, Manila, Philippines***
Worked with Filipino Christians in evangelism, church planting and developing a ministry for women within the congregation.

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Statement of Faith

I believe in one Triune God who is known to us in three persons as "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" - beautiful and specific relational names of God which have come to us from the ancient baptismal rites. This triune nature of God is also expressed in the equally beautiful language of "Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer." This naming of God helps us to understand the ways in which the three persons of the Godhead together redeem humanity.

I believe God created humanity in the image and likeness of God, yet free to choose our own way. We chose sin, and have fallen short of God's glory and holiness.

I believe in the amazing wonder of the incarnation of the eternal Word of God in Jesus Christ. In the person of Jesus, God took on human flesh and came to walk among us. Conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus reveals God to us. Jesus came to redeem humanity, giving his life for the sins of the world. Our redemption is accomplished by Christ's death on the cross and revealed to us by his bodily resurrection from the dead. Jesus is now exalted with the Father, and lives to make intercession for us.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who enables us to respond with faith to the Word of Grace, God's initiating love which claims us. The Holy Spirit clothes us with Christ's righteousness, baptizes us into the body of Christ, and nourishes us with the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper. The Holy Spirit lives within us, enlivens us to the life of faith, gifts and enables us for works of service in the church and in the world.

I believe in the one body of Christ, the Church. We are God's people, nurtured through the Word and Sacrament, called together in worship and encouraged in fellowship with one another. Scripture and prayer are gifts which enable us to enjoy relationship and communion with God. Together we are equipped to live and serve under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, moving out as bearers of God's love, compassion, and grace to a world in need. The claim of the "good news" includes work for the transformation of society, justice on behalf of the oppressed, faithful stewardship, and care for God's creation.