



June 10, 2018
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

What's Next For Vicar Hans?

Especially since my graduation on Pentecost, the most common question I have been asked is: "What's next for you and your wife, Vicar Hans?" The explanation is not always easy, since we're at the end of a more than five-year long process which all seminarians go through to determine if



they're emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually fit to be pastors. Being a part of a seminarian couple makes this an especially long and stressful process!

In the ELCA, we call this process "Candidacy". You see, not everyone who feels the call to be a pastor can become one. The reason for this is our insistence as Lutherans that there are two calls that must be present, not just one: the individual's internal sense that God is calling them into ministry and the Church's sense that this person is called into a particular ministry (that is, as a pastor or deacon). If only one of these calls is present, we believe that the Holy Spirit is not speaking clearly enough to everyone for that person to become a pastor or deacon.

But this twofold call isn't enough--there's quite a bit more! To complete Candidacy and be approved for ordination, you need to have your M.Div. (a three-year, full-time academic degree focusing on everything that a pastor does, both practical, spiritual, and biblical/theological), have completed a full-time, year-long internship, and have the blessing of a committee in your home synod that works with its candidates. Only once all of these pieces are in place can someone be approved.

By the grace of God, I completed all these requirements and was approved for ordination a few weeks ago--but that's not the end of it! Approval does mean that you have completed all the requirements to be a pastor--but it doesn't mean that you are a pastor. The office of pastor is not one that comes with a degree, even though the degree is required. Rather, someone is made a pastor when the bishop and other pastors lay their hands on her or his head and pray that the Holy Spirit fills that person with the necessary grace to preach the Word and preside over the Sacraments. Ordination is what makes someone a pastor, not any particular knowledge or skill-set.

So you might be wondering when I will be ordained, since I've completed all the requirements. It's not that simple, however! We as Lutherans believe that a pastor never does his or her work alone--a pastor is always connected to a congregation or other ministry, to a synod, and to the entire church. For that reason, before I am ordained I must receive a call to a congregation or other ministry. That's a fancy way of saying that I can't be made into a leader until I have a place to help lead.

In late September Marissa and I will be assigned to one of the ELCA's 65 synods, and at that time we will start interviewing for positions as pastors. Only after a congregation has prayerfully discerned that I am the right candidate for their ministries (and I have agreed) will I be ordained as that congregation's pastor.

I have no idea where God will take me next--but I am overjoyed that I will be with you at Holy Cross until October 31st. Wherever God calls me next, I will have been formed by the ministry that we have done together in Christ's name.



Holy Cross Community Block Party

Our 9th annual Community Block Party is scheduled for **Saturday, September 8!** Be sure to join us for this wonderful family event! The day will be filled with great stage entertainment and lots of games and inflatables for the kids.

Sermon Series-Apostle's Creed
June 17 "Why Do We Have The Holy Spirit?" John 14:15-20



Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Send your kids on an exciting island adventure at Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School. VBS is for children ages three through sixth grade. Kids will discover how Jesus rescues them through life's storms. Shipwrecked VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! The adventure runs June 18-22, from 9:00 am to noon. Registration forms are available on a table outside of the church office or on our website. The cost is \$28.00 per child or a maximum of \$84.00 per family. This includes a t-shirt, take home activities, and one CD per family. Friends and neighbors are invited too, just let them know how to sign-up. Contact Sue Christiaansen at suec@holycrosslutheran.org or 251-2740 if you have questions or would like to join our team of volunteers. (you must be a middle/high school or an adult)

PRAYER CONNECTION

Join the Prayer Chain or submit a request by emailing prayerchain@holycrosslutheran.org

MEMORIAL CHART

~Coffee hour support was given in honor of Andrew Butschli's 25th birthday.

THANKS

~To Wigwam Mills in Sheboygan for their donation of twelve pairs of socks for the Holy Cross Chemo Comfort Bags.

NOISY OFFERING

~Scholarships for education in Seela Parish, Tanzania

EVENT SIGN UP SHEET

Please use this form to sign up for activities/events at Holy Cross. Fill out the form, and include the fee or amount of deposit, if any. Return the form to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. Use a generic envelope if you are adding the fee in church. If the event or activity you are interested in is not listed, write it in the space at the bottom of this sheet and someone will contact you.

Ushers Needed

- I am interested in being an usher at the 10:30 service on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Please call me with more information.

Community Banquet

- Volunteers are also needed on June 28 at 5:45pm to CLEAN-UP and TAKE-DOWN at the Community Banquet. This group can also come early and eat at 5:30 pm. Duties are wash dishes and utensils, dispose of paper products, wipe down tables, clean out coffee pots, empty the trash, lock the doors and turn off the lights. Deacon Ellie is looking for a group of eight people. Please call me with more information.

Scrip

- I would be interested in selling Scrip. I understand my time commitment is approximately 8 times a year. Please call me with more information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

HOLY CROSS STAFF

Senior Pastor.....Pastor Meredith Bedker Musaus
*Visitation PastorPastor David L. Shelstad
Minister of Care and CommunityDeacon Ellie Schmidtke
Intern.....Vicar Hans Becklin
Minister of MusicMichael Jacklin
Parish Administrator.....Jeff Boardman
Minister of Children’s Faith FormationSue Christiaansen
Minister of Partnerships and MissionAmanda Juedes
Facilities ManagerJack Kamoske
*Assistant Minister of MusicKaren Heins
*Chancel Choir Accompanist.....Phil Smith
*A/V CoordinatorJustin Doucette
*Minister of EvangelismEleonore Kamoske
*Administrative Assistant of Worship.....Paula Fiorvento
*Administrative Assistant of Communication.....Jennifer Deubler
*Finance Administrator.....Beth Dorsey
*Preschool AdministratorPam Kraus
*Preschool Teachers.....Brittney Rasmussen/Tammy Seidemann

*Part Time

SERVING ON JUNE 16 & 17

Ushers:

5:00 pm Dave & Janet Blank team

7:45 am Randy Kressin team

9:00 am Bill Marohl team

10:30 am Jason Meier team

Lector:

5:00 pm Lowell Carl

7:45 am Carolyn Schellhaas

9:00 am Mark Christiaansen

10:30 am Mark Christiaansen

Worship Asst:

Mark Christiaansen

Altar Guild:

Jeff & Kathy Kroenke, Kristine Boehler, Connie Blahnik

Greeters:

5:00 pm Paul & Anne Lindemann, Kaeley Gensler, Stephanie Truckenmiller

7:30 am Don & Sandy Earnest, Marilyn Heyde, Sandy & Bob Schlag

9:00 am Bob & Coleen Reshel, Betty Redding

10:30 am George & Donita Bruder, Darlene Kullmann, Nick & Vicki Montijo

Welcome Center:

4:40 pm Mary Ann Holt

8:30 am Sandy Earnest

10:00 am

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Worship Schedule: Saturday-5:00 pm, Sunday-7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Wednesday (June-August)-6:00 pm



TODAY

Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Worship Asst./Lectors: Stan Winarski, Wendy Kalland, Bill Winge, Eleonore Kamoske

TODAY-Sunday 10

Scrip Sale, Blood Pressure Screening, Mt. Meru Coffee & Divine

Chocolate Sale

Worship 7:45, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am

Monday 11

Stephen Ministry 6:00 pm

Tuesday 12

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

Evangelism Team 6:00 pm

MEB 6:00 pm

Preschool Board 6:00 pm

Tweens 6:30 pm

Glocal 7:00 pm

Finance Team 7:15 pm

Wednesday 13

Martha Circle 1:00 pm

VBS Training 5:30 pm

Worship 6:00 pm

Thursday 14

To Do Crew 9:00 am

Community Dinner 5:30 pm (offsite)

Internship Committee 5:30 pm

Stewardship Team 6:00 pm

Worship Team 6:00 pm

VBS Training 6:30 pm

Council 7:00 pm

Friday 15

Church Office Closes At Noon

Saturday 16

Men In Mission 7:30 pm

Worship 5:00 pm

Sunday 17

Scrip Sale

Worship 7:45, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am

JOIN US FOR

Adults

☐ Join us on June 14 for the Community Banquet. This is a free meal which allows an opportunity for fellowship with others throughout our communities. The Banquet works in partnership with eleven churches who provide the food and volunteers. It is held at St. James Catholic Church (W220N6588 Town Line Road, Menomonee Falls). The meal is held every second and fourth Thursday of the month. Coffee is served at 5:00 pm and the meal is served from 5:30-6:00 pm. During the months of November and December, the meal will only be offered on the second Thursday.

● Holy Cross volunteers are needed on June 28 at 5:45 pm to “clean up” and “take down” at the Community Banquet. This group can come early and eat at 5:30 pm. Duties include washing dishes, wiping tables, emptying trash cans and closing up the building. Deacon Ellie is looking for a group of eight people. Contact her at 251-2740 or cedellie@yahoo.com with questions or to volunteer. You can volunteer by signing up on the “Events Sign Up Sheet” in your Sunday GROW

Kids

● This summer kids are invited to mix, stir, and measure to create super cool science experiments that demonstrate God's hand is science! We'll create projects like soda geysers, lava lamps, magnetic slime and more! Each week also includes discovering a story from the Bible, games, and skits. The last half hour we will play Ga Ga ball. Bible Science will meet upstairs in room 203-205. If you have just finished third through the completion of sixth grade, you and your friends should come and check it out! We meet on June 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7 from 6:30-8:30 pm. No need to sign up, just join as often as you can.

PRACTICE 7 ENCOURAGE



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24