

# St. Luke Lutheran CHURCH & SCHOOL

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April 15, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

While there is much going on in our lives and world that causes anxiety to rise in our hearts, I write this letter with much joy and anticipation of what is to come in the next weeks here at St Luke. Beautiful ministry continues in this time; not least of which are our Food Bank and Telecare ministries caring for those in need, as well as our exceptional school teachers continuing high level education via distance learning. Even so, I'm writing to let you know of a significant event coming up in the life of our congregation related to its ongoing mission and ministry.

The constitution requires that you be informed that at the April Voters Meeting on April 27th, being conducted through a letter and ballot via postal mail, motions are being made to extend 2 Divine Calls for ministry positions in our congregation. A motion will be made to extend a Call to a seminary candidate to serve as Associate Pastor of St Luke, and another motion will be made to extend a Call to Kelly Carney to serve as Principal of St Luke Lutheran School. I am overjoyed that the Holy Spirit has led us to extend calls to these 2 great servants of Christ.

You may remember that at our January voters meeting you authorized Pastor Barry and I to enter the placement process with our LCMS Seminaries to be assigned a seminary candidate. We are confident that the Lord will send the right man to us to be our next Associate Pastor. While we do work with staff in team ministry, replacing the vacancy on our Pastoral Team left behind by Pastor Gandy as well as preparing for Pastor Barry's retirement in November have positioned us to extend a Call at this time, and ensures that ministry continues uninterrupted.

At the same time, a Call/Search Committee has been working on identifying the next Principal of our Lutheran School. Below are comments from Lori Rockwell regarding the committee's recommendation of Kelly Carney as the candidate to be extended the Call as Principal:

"It is with great joy that the call committee is recommending that Mrs. Kelly Carney be Called as the next Principal of St. Luke Lutheran School. During our search the last several months, we came across many qualified and dedicated Lutheran principals. We interviewed three candidates earnestly and found in the end that Kelly was the candidate that God was leading us to call as our principal. Kelly has done a tremendous job leading the school in the role of interim principal for the last couple of years. She is very passionate about Lutheran education and is committed to her staff and every student in the school. She has a strong desire to continue to make improvements within the school. Kelly is very mission minded and strives to bring Jesus to every student and their family and carries out all her duties with a servant heart. She is well respected among the staff, the students, the families at St. Luke, and within our community. As a member of the Parish Board, I give Kelly many accolades for the way she has led the staff during the present school shutdown. She has skillfully led and planned and had the teachers up and running with lessons for the students after only a weekend. She continues to strive to provide quality education to the students and encouragement for the teachers."

I invite you to continue praying earnestly as these motions and votes are undertaken in the coming weeks.

With great joy,

  
Pastor Ben Berteau