

SHAWN DAVIS



Pastor Shawn Davis received his Pastoral Placement from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis on April 26th, 2017, to St. Michael Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. As a second career Pastor, Shawn received his Licensed Practical Nurse certification from Clover Park Technical College, Lakewood, WA, in 2002. He received a BS in General Studies from Indiana Purdue University, Fort Wayne, IN, in 2004. He is now 35 years old and has been married for 10 years to Anna (Bickel) who is 34 years old. Anna received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Secondary Education from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, in 2005.

They are both lifelong LCMS Lutherans. Shawn is the son of a retired Air Force Chaplain. His parents live in Boise, ID and Anna's live in Racine, Wisconsin. They actually met at Camp Lutherhaven in Albion, IN and were later engaged to be married there. They currently have three children named Adelaide (7), Elsie (5) and Daniel (3). Shawn enjoys being outdoors, cheering for the Seattle Sounders, and perfecting the art of home brewing. Anna enjoys sewing and is active in MOPS leadership. Before being called to Seminary, Shawn worked as an LPN and then as a communications manager at Faith Lutheran in Oakville, MO, where he managed their social media presence.

Shawn vicared at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lawrenceville, NJ, and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hopewell, NJ. On vicarage, he actually filled a vacancy and preached nearly every weekend. In his delivery style, he hopes to help the hearer understand the passage of the day. He is relational and outgoing. His vicarage supervisor, Pastor Stephen Gewecke reported "He has a servant's heart and cares about others. He is able to bring Christ to bear through his personal presence. Shawn relates well to all people. Shawn is able to share good ideas in his written material. Shawn brings a lot of good ideas to the sermon. He is easily able to relate the theme of a passage to life circumstances...On projects in which he worked alone he often did well. Shawn works well with others and would do very well in a team ministry situation. Pastoral care is one of Shawn's strengths."

Dr. David Peter is associate professor of practical theology, chairman of that department, and a placement counselor in St. Louis. He states, "I envision Shawn collaborating with other staff in team ministry as an associate pastor. His specific focus would be in leading the congregation to do outreach to its community, especially through service and caregiving. He will model this community engagement in his own life and guide others to reach out to the hurting and broken in society. He should be placed in a church that is creative in its approach to mission and worship."

Additionally, Wally Becker is the Director of Placement in St. Louis and states, "Shawn comes to pastoral ministry as a second career person with experience in care giving (nursing) and communications. He will do well in team ministry in a congregation that is ready to get outside the four walls and engage their community--where he can use his gifts and experience in outreach/evangelism to reach the community with the Gospel and equip the members to do the same. He prefers contemporary worship as most of his experience has been with this style."

We believe that Shawn has not only the skills needed for the Missional Pastor position, but the maturity and relational nature that we have long sought. He and Anna will be exceptional additions to our church family and our ministry to not only "The Bridge at St. Michael", but also our entire congregation and our community.