



We Are Church, We Are Called

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My road to becoming a pastor began in Little Rock, Arkansas at Second Presbyterian Church. My grandparents were instrumental in my faith journey. My parents later joined the Episcopal church where I was confirmed. I met my husband Danny in high-school and we were married in Little Rock in the Catholic church. Our daughter Tally was baptized Catholic. Our youngest daughter, Traeci was baptized in the Methodist church.

Danny and I and the girls moved to Houston and our boys, Daniel and Luke, were born and baptized in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. It was at this time Danny and I fell in love with the Lutheran Church. The fact we could ask questions and read the Bible having it explained to us really sold us on Lutheranism. I began teaching and directing at Lutheran Preschools.

We continued to become even more involved with the Lutheran Church when we moved to Raleigh, North Carolina. It was there that I felt called to become a Lutheran Deaconess Association deaconess and was consecrated in 1998. I then served a Missouri Synod Church in Cary, North Carolina as a deaconess. I also was approved as an Associate in Ministry through the ELCA 1998. It was while serving as a deaconess I felt called to ordination. Being unable to become ordained in the Missouri Synod since I was female, I enrolled in Trinity Seminary, ELCA seminary, in Columbus, Ohio. I was ordained in 2005.

I served congregations in Arizona since ordination until returning to Texas in 2020 to serve Memorial First in Texas City. Danny and I have been married for 44 years. Our four children are all married and we are blessed with 17 grandchildren. We also have a German Shepherd puppy named Stetson.

My favorite bible verse is Luke 10:27: He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"



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