



**Lakeside Community Lutheran Church**  
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### **Meet our New Interim Pastor**

The Congregation Council met with Interim Pastor Lowell Bolstad and Synod Minister Randy Olson on June 14. The council concurred with the appointment by the bishop of Pastor Bolstad. He will start July 1, work ¾ time, and be on site Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and other times as needed for occasional services and matters of some urgency.

He was born in Plentywood, Montana where his parents owned a small farm and where his father worked in carpentry. When he was five, his family moved to Story City, Iowa where he grew up and graduated from high school. Post-secondary education took him to Waldorf Junior College in Forest City, Iowa; Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota; and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

He served an open country two-point parish near Prairie Farm 1980-90. He took training from the Interim Ministry Network in 1990-91. From 1980 to the present, he has served in a total of 54 congregations. Five of those congregations he has served twice. Eight of those congregations are located in the Heart of the North Conference including Hayward and Spooner. This will be his 38<sup>th</sup> assignment.

He served as convener of the Interim Ministry Gathering 1993-2013 and has served as synod reviewer for congregation constitutions since 2009.

He lives alone and possesses no dependents. He owns a house in Rice Lake on Lakeshore Drive, while not lakefront, offers a lake view. He rehabbed the house to give it a rustic feel of a lake cabin. He turned both his back yard and front yard into garden plots.



### **Meet and Greet**

Pastor Lowell Bolstad looks forward to getting to know the members of the congregation. He is open to visits in the church office, homes, or public places. Contact him at 715.226.0163 or [interimpastor1953@gmail.com](mailto:interimpastor1953@gmail.com)

### **Litany of Welcome for an Interim Pastor on July 3**

Pastor Lowell Bolstad will be received as the new interim pastor in an opening litany as part of the service of worship on July 3. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America holds the congregation and the office of ordained ministry in high regard. Consequently, the ELCA invests resources in support of congregations during times of changes in pastoral leadership. The interim between installed pastors provides opportunity for evaluation, renewal, and transition from the extended service of previous pastors, and can help congregations to remain faithful, creative, and vital in mission and ministry. Plan to be in the service of worship that day to receive Pastor Bolstad as the new interim pastor.



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**Give thanks to God for the gift of independence on Sunday, July 3**

Combine your devotion to God with love of country by coming to worship on Sunday, July 3. Take part in an Independence Day litany and sing national hymns. We pray God will give grateful hearts to all who enjoy freedom and lead us to exercise our freedoms with care, and that God will assist all who still seek liberty in this world!

**From the Pastor**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1Peter 2:9

I thank you for the invitation to serve in the partnership of Gospel as your new interim pastor. I am serving under the appointment of the bishop with the concurrence of the Congregation Council in its meeting on June 14.

The writer of 1Peter speaks of you as a “chosen race, a royal priesthood, God’s own people.” With this exalted language, the biblical writer lifts up the ministry of all the baptized. I look forward to walking together in carrying out God’s mission in this congregation.

My work as an interim pastor will be in three areas: regular pastoral ministry, transition dynamics, call process.

Pastoral Ministry

Carrying on regular pastoral ministry in which I will be on site on a ¾ time basis Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and as needed for occasional services and matters of some urgency.

Transition Dynamics

**Reflection**

	Heritage	Past	Where have we been?
	Identity	Present	Where are we at?
	Vision	Future	Where is God leading?
		<b>Action</b>	
congregation?	Mission	Definition	What is God’s purpose for this
provides?	Leadership	Operation	How is God’s purpose to be carried out?
	Connections	Cooperation	Who are the partners in mission God

- Heritage appreciate how the past of the congregation informs the present
- Identity discover who the congregation is in the current context
- Vision discern what it is this congregation understands God is calling this congregation to be
- Mission define purpose and direction for the congregation in God’s mission
- Leadership engage people of the congregation in God’s mission
- Connections explore all the relationships a congregation shares beyond itself



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### Call Process

Working with the Call Committee and the Congregation Council in preparing the Ministry Site Profile.

I will be offering a theme series in the Sunday services of worship on transition dynamics beginning July 10.

Pastor and people can best carry out the work of the congregation when both enter into a partnership so that, as a people of God, we can “declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Sincerely in Christ,  
Pastor Lowell Bolstad