

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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We have news!

The Call Committee and your Church Council have promised we would share news with you about a potential new pastor for CELC as soon as it was available. We now have some news!

Pastor John (Jeff) Hackler has expressed interest in CELC! Both the Call Committee and Church Council have met with him and we are recommending him to the congregation for your approval. You have the ultimate say about whether he will become our new Pastor. We have scheduled a special congregational meeting for **Sunday, April 26**, immediately following our worship service. At this time all voting members will have the opportunity to vote for three things.

1. To extend a call to Pastor Jeff Hackler.
2. To offer a compensation package to Pastor Jeff Hackler. (Package will be explained at the meeting on 4/26)
3. To adjust our Annual Budget to reflect the changes necessary to offer this compensation package to Pastor Jeff Hackler. (Also will be explained)

Get to know Pastor Jeff

You will have two opportunities to Meet and Greet Pastor Jeff in person. First, you are invited to come to an informal Lunch Open House on **Friday, April 17, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** in Building B Sanctuary. Drop in any time during these hours. You are also invited to meet him at Tech Day on **Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** in the classrooms of Building B. You may also have your technology questions answered by the youth while you are there!

Here is a brief biographical sketch he has provided for us.

Greetings! Even though my birth certificate says “John” I have always gone by Jeff. My wife Lisa and I are both ordained Lutheran pastors currently serving in two different congregations. Lisa serves as the full-time minister of pastoral care at American Lutheran in Sun City while I am currently serving as the “bridge pastor” at Lord of Life Lutheran in Sun City West.

I was born, raised, and educated in Texas (and remain a diehard Astros fan) and attended seminary in Columbus, Ohio where I met Lisa. After we married our first call was as missionaries to the Central African Republic where we worked as translators

and teachers for five years. Following our service overseas we served congregations in Houston, Texas (15 years), St Louis, Missouri (10 years), and Anchorage, Alaska (9 years) before being called to Arizona.

Lisa and I have two daughters, Sarah a homemaker and activities director outside of Seattle, and Teresa a physician who is just finishing her first year of residency in Madison. Between them they have blessed us with five grandchildren.

Outside of parish ministry I enjoy reading, birding, amateur astronomy, and playing the guitar with enthusiasm but not a great deal of skill.

You may hear and see Pastor Jeff preach at Lord of Life, utilizing their YouTube channel which contains links to all their services. We encourage you to do this! He will not be able to preach at CELC before our special congregational meeting. He preaches about every other week, so look for April 5, March 15, or February 22. Here is the YouTube link

<https://www.youtube.com/@LordofLifeLutheranChurch/streams> .

Pastor Jeff is needed and has committed to remain at Lord of Life until June 30. He is available to start with us on July 1, if our congregation votes to call him to CELC. Please add these highlighted dates to your calendar, watch several of his sermons, pray for discernment and help us make an informed decision about this call.

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