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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- 15 years' experience in parish ministry and in hospital chaplaincy (Intensive CPE)
- 4 years of 'pulpit supply' to vacant parishes in Saskatchewan
- 1-year internship with Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church (ELCIC), Comox, BC
- Ordained March 30, 2008
- Treat all people the same, regardless of race, creed, or colour
- Actively seek to understand other cultures to be able to meet people where they are and where they're coming from, sociologically, ethnically, and psychologically.
- Prepared and taught Marriage Preparation Classes, Vacation Bible School, Sunday school, Confirmation classes, Adult Bible Study, and Lutheran Theology, respectively
- Prepare and lead worship weekly, both individually and as part of a team
- Dedicated to supporting church members and church council / vestry in being the 'Priesthood of All Believers' to the community and surrounding area
- Excellent skills in office administration, and time management
- Knowledge of computers and word processing
- Proficient typing skills, document use and recording
- Encourage ongoing documentation of statistics for annual reporting
- Collaborative decision maker, as well as independent ability to make decisions
- Empathic listener, and excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Enjoy working with parishioners to work ecumenically in the ministry of the baptized and to discern God's call
- Approachable and available to parishioners, parish leaders, and wider community
- Easy to talk to, sense of humour, friendly, resourceful, and flexible
- Open to ideas and brainstorming, and love to support others' ideas
- Thoughtfully process & support ideas that will benefit parishioners & the community
- Aware of the need for all ages to be involved in the life and activity of the church
- Received an Eagles Feather at the Suicide Awareness Walk September 10, 2017
- Work with others against Racism and Cultural injustice

EXPERIENCE

Peace Parkland Lutheran Parish Langenburg & Churchbridge, SK

July 2022 to present.

- Responsible to lead worship and communion services
- Perform marriages and funerals
- Teach Confirmation classes, Bible studies, Marriage Preparation courses, and The Lutheran Course
- Confirm students at the end of their Confirmation instruction
- Ex officio member of all committees, including Church Council
- Assist with weekly Bulletin preparation
- Visit with all members of the congregation, per desire of membership
- Visit those in hospital or otherwise housebound
- Bring 'home communion' to those who cannot come to service, upon request
- Encourage documentation of statistics for annual reporting
- Provide counseling, upon request, to all who inquire
- On-call for emergencies
- Maintain the parish records
- Member of the local ministerial
- Active member of the community, at large
- Strong advocate for outreach and stewardship
- Represent God's church in word and action in the community as well as in the church
- Help to direct people to a strong spiritual life.

Lake of the Woods Christian Ministerial Association – President, Kenora, ON

January to March 2022

- Attend meetings of the Ministerial Executive to plan and implement monthly meetings of the membership
- Convene and lead the general meetings monthly
- Communicate with Executive regarding meeting during covid practices and arrange for alternate methods if necessary

Ordained Priest / Incumbent, St. Alban's Cathedral Church, Kenora, ON

January 2020 to June 2022

- Responsible to lead corporate and individual worship and communion services
- Perform marriages and funerals
- Teach Confirmation classes, Bible studies, Marriage Preparation courses
- Ex officio member of all parish committees
- Coordinate efforts for parish leadership with Lay Readers and Honourary Assistants
- Assist with weekly Bulletin and Service information preparation
- Plan choice of worship liturgy options with Committee
- Plan worship accompaniment with Organist
- Aid in records searches regarding marriages, deaths, or baptisms
- Visit with all members of the congregation
- Visit those in hospital or otherwise housebound, upon request
- Bring 'home communion' and healing rites, upon request

- Provide counseling, upon request, to all who inquire
- Moderate between parish members with the aid of the Wardens
- Help to maintain the parish records
- President of Lake of the Woods Christian Ministerial Association – January 2021
- Member of Diocesan Council – October 2020
- Active member of the community, at large
- Strong advocate for justice, reconciliation, outreach and stewardship
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Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land – Executive Committee - Member

May 2018 to April 2022

- Extra diocesan representative of the Executive Committee of the EPRL
- Meet on a regular basis to deal with the work of the EPRL
- Involved in the planning of the next Synod of the EPRL, location, theme, diocesan representation.
- Participate in consultation on issues of EPRL constitution, finance, and other issues of the day.

Sessional Lecturer – Henry Budd College, The Pas, MB

January to March 2018

- Formulated and taught Parish Administration at Henry Budd College a 7-session class covering:
 - Parish record keeping,
 - Parish documentation and letter writing
 - Financial records and reports
 - Meeting etiquette and protocol
 - Statistical reports
- Filled in for Rev. Dr. Kara Mandryk on the Church Year course, when she had to be away

Regional Dean, The Pas Deanery, Diocese of Brandon, The Pas, MB

March 2016 to March 2019

- Assist the Bishop and Archdeacon with pastoral care and concerns for the deanery, episcopal visitation,
- Assist the Bishop and the Archdeacon by fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of the Archdeacon during absence, incapacity, or vacancy of the Archdeacon
- Be available for advice, council and pastoral support to clergy, parishes, and parishioners
- Provide practical pastoral support to all Lay Readers, Deacons, and Priests within the Deanery and across all cultures and levels of experience
- Open to working with both Christian Indigenous and Traditional Elders
- Available to assist in the settling of disputes when requested by parish, institution, or the Bishop
- Report to each Deanery Chapter and Deanery Council meetings on diocesan, provincial or national matters that requires the attention of the chapter or council

- Report to Executive Committee and Synod of the Diocese on matters requiring discussion or legislation and to the Bishop annually and Archdeacon semi-annually on state of the church in the deanery
- Visit each parish mission or institution within the Deanery

The Pas Ministerial – Treasurer, The Pas, MB

2012 to 2019

- Attend meetings, as schedule allows
- Kept account books up to date and provided accurate accounts for Ministerial Meetings
- Wrote cheques, as directed by the Ministerial Membership
- Provided receipts for annual Ministerial Dues

Chaplain, Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 19, The Pas, MB

October 2014 to December 2019

- Lead prayers for Ceremonies, Services, and formal Legion Gatherings, especially Remembrance Day, Decoration Day, and funerals where a Legion presence is requested
- Offer a blessing for banquets, teas, and social events
- On call for pastoral and non-denominational services including counselling of legion members and their families
- Available and on call to honour fallen veterans and console the families

Ordained Priest / Incumbent, Christ Church – Anglican, The Pas, MB

1 August 2010 to 31 December 2019

- Responsible to lead worship and communion services
- Perform marriages and funerals
- Teach Confirmation classes, Bible studies, Marriage Preparation courses
- Ex officio member of all committees
- Coordinate efforts for parish leadership with Lay Readers
- Assist with weekly Bulletin and Service information preparation
- Plan worship formats with worship coordinator
- Aid in records searches regarding marriages, deaths, or baptisms
- Visit with all members of the congregation
- Visit those in hospital or otherwise housebound
- Bring 'home communion' and healing rites, upon request
- Complete annual statistical reports with the aid of the Treasurer
- Provide counseling, upon request, to all who inquire
- Moderate between parish members
- Participated in planning and carrying out of 175th Anniversary of the Devon Mission in 2016 including fulfilling 48 of 94 Recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, planting seeds for further reconciliation and understanding.
- On-call for emergencies
- Maintain the parish records
- Member of the local ministerial, holding the position of Treasurer
- Member at large of the Henry Budd College for Ministry Board
- Member of Diocese of Brandon Executive Committee October 2012 to March 2019
- Member of "Interest in Education and Religious Vocation" Committee, 2015 to 2016
- Active member of the community, at large

- Strong advocate for justice, reconciliation, outreach and stewardship
- Represent God's church in word and action in the community as well as in the church
- Help to direct people to a strong spiritual life.

Ordained Clergy / Pastor, First United Lutheran Church, Flin Flon, MB

1 March 2008 to 30 June 2010

- Responsible to lead worship and communion services
- Perform marriages and funerals
- Teach Confirmation classes, Bible studies, Marriage Preparation courses, and The Lutheran Course
- Confirm students at the end of their Confirmation instruction
- Participate in Vacation Bible School programs, during the summer, time permitting
- Ex officio member of all committees, including Church Council
- Assist with weekly Bulletin preparation
- Visit with all members of the congregation
- Visit those in hospital or otherwise housebound
- Bring 'home communion' to those who cannot come to service, upon request
- Encourage documentation of statistics for annual reporting
- Provide counseling, upon request, to all who inquire
- On-call for emergencies
- Maintain the parish records
- Member of the local ministerial, and hold the position of Secretary
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Filing and File Culling Clerk, Human Resources, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK

September 2007 to February 15, 2008

- Helped to keep Human Resources filing up to date
- Culled confidential information from Human Resources files in accordance with changes to the Privacy Act.

Intern Pastor, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Comox, BC

1 August 2005 to 31 July 2006

- Responsible to lead worship services
- Perform funerals
- Teach Confirmation classes, Bible studies, and Marriage Preparation courses
- Ex officio member of all committees, including Church Council
- Work with Worship Committee in all aspects of worship planning
- Visit with all members of the congregation, those in hospital, or otherwise housebound
- Provide counseling, upon request, to all who inquire
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PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Canada Lutheran, Q&A: “*Angels in Popular Culture*”, December edition
- 2020 Council of General Synod – eBook contribution: “*An Eschatological View of Eucharist in a Pandemic Period – A Theological Reflection*”
- 2019 Canada Lutheran, Q&A: “*The Resurrection of the Body*”, April/May edition
- 2015 Lutheran School of Theology – Chicago, IL, Doctor of Ministry in Preaching
Thesis: “*Liberating Law & Gospel: A Social Examination and Comparison using ‘Scrooge’*”
Advisor: Rev. Dr. Craig Satterlee,
Bishop of North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA since 2013

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATES

- 2019 MOOC: University of Toronto – Managing Your Health: The Role of Physical Therapy and Exercise, January to March 2019
- 2018 Ten Thousand Coffees – Alumni Mentorship Volunteer – University of Toronto
- 2018 MNO Synod – ELCIC “Healthy Boundaries” Workshop, Certificate, 20 March 2018
- 2017 Indigenous Catechist Training, Certificate, 4 February 2017
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Bishop of North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA since 2013
- 2007 Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, SK, Master of Divinity
- 2002 University of Toronto, Woodsworth College, Hon BA, Specialist in History,
Major in Religion
- 1990 Mohawk College, Hamilton, ON, Diploma in Travel and Tourism

INTERESTS

- Travelling
- Learning of new cultures
- Candle Making
- Cooking and baking
- Cross-stitch embroidery
- Crocheting & Knitting
- Horseback riding
- Good with animals
- Basic woodcraft
- Reading
- Writing / journaling
- Watching movies
- Walking / hiking
- Knowledge of canoe, sailboat, and basic outboard motor use
- Some interest in archery and riflery

REFERENCES

Available upon request.