

Call Committee Update

Rev. Dr. Andrew Johnson has served as Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Milford, Michigan, since 2017, after serving five years as an Associate Pastor at St. Paul in Lapeer, MI. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Concordia University Chicago (2008), a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (2012), and a PhD in Practical Theology from Concordia Seminary (2022).

He and his wife, Emily, are blessed with four children: Noah, Gideon, Chloe, and Esther.

Rev. Andrew McDowell has served as an Associate Pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, IN, since 2019. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Houston (2011) and an MDiv from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN (2019).

He is married to his wife, Lyndi, and they have been blessed with two children: Elena and Alexander.

Since February 2026, the Pastoral Call Committee has been prayerfully and diligently carrying out the work entrusted to it by the congregation. Throughout this process, the committee has met with district leadership, reviewed the congregation's ministry needs, gathered recommendations, evaluated candidates, conducted conversations with prospective pastors, and sought the Lord's guidance in identifying the man best suited to serve alongside our pastoral team and congregation.

At the Voters' Assembly on Sunday, July 19, the committee will present an overview of its work, introduce the two candidates being brought before the voters, and share its recommendation in accordance with Section V of Immanuel Lutheran Church's Bylaws. Following this presentation, the voters of Immanuel will have the opportunity to ask questions, consider the committee's recommendation, and act on extending a divine call to serve as Associate Pastor.

Members are certainly welcome to learn more about these pastors, conduct their own research, and prepare any questions they may have. At the same time, we respectfully ask that this process honor both these pastors and the congregations they currently serve. Please refrain from contacting either pastor directly.

We encourage all voting members to attend this important meeting, and we ask the entire congregation to continue praying for the Call Committee, all pastors who faithfully serve, and our congregation as we seek the Lord's wisdom and guidance for this next chapter of ministry at Immanuel!