

## Ministry Opportunity in the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod

### **For the positions of Regional Pastor Interlake Regional Shared Ministry (Either one 1.0 FTE and one 0.5 FTE, or two 0.75 FTE) Interlake Regional Shared Ministry**

As Lutheran and Anglican congregations in the Interlake area, we have been called to preach the gospel in our communities. The spirit is opening a door to new ways of ministry in our particular communities and in the Interlake as a whole. We are being called to something new and exciting as Interlake congregations. This is not without risks and unknowns, but such is the call the of the Spirit, that we do not always know where we will end up. And yet still, the Holy Spirit calls us to keep sharing the good news in our communities and in the Interlake.

Five congregations of the Interlake Area (Arborg, Teulon, Lundar, Selkirk Evangelical, Good Shepherd - Selkirk) facing common challenges and struggles in the provision of pastoral ministry, have come together to form a shared ministry to see if sharing pastors among us would be a way to provide for pastoral ministry in our area.

#### Structure:

The regional shared ministry works together in order to call pastors into a team who could then provide for the pastoral needs of participating congregations, while also working to equip lay members for increased ministry.

The pastoral team is to be made of 1.5 pastors (based on what the regional shared ministry can afford) who would work together to provide pastoral ministry.

## Arborg

Name: Ardal- Geysir Evangelical Lutheran Church

Ardal-Geysir is an active congregation, with weekly Sunday worship, a church choir, church council, and, active church women's group. Having an ongoing active Sunday School, and Confirmation program is often challenging. Along with our regular church services, we have monthly services at the Assisted Living, Sunrise Lodge, and the Personal Care Home. We hold an Annual Fall Supper every October, with a free will offering. We plan social events regularly, including an annual Volunteer recognition, and Men's breakfast

We have a group of dedicated lay people, with a positive attitude, that are willing to look at making changes to the way we do ministry. They realize that it is necessary to change in order to maintain a Pastoral presence in our community and the Interlake region

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## Lundar

Name           Lundar Lutheran Church Inc.

Lundar Lutheran Church congregation is an active congregation with Worship (every Sunday, year-round).

Sunday School – weekly from Sept-Dec, and then Feb-June. Ages 4 yrs. and up. Enrolment usually averages 15-20.

Confirmation – classes weekly, taught by a lay leader, sometimes assisted by a parent.

Youth – lay leaders (usually parents) arrange activities several times a year for 12 yrs. and up. LLC has sent youth to the national youth gatherings in the last decade, and several times earlier.

Adult Studies – lay-led, usually a 4-6 week Bible study annually, often during Lent. Also we have addressed some of the ELCIC-issued studies/discussion topics.

Community Outreach – the facilities are made available to the community at very low rates to support families and not-for-profits. It is used frequently for family gatherings, community groups, conferences, etc.

## Teulon

Name: St. Peter Lutheran

St. Peter was organized in the late 1950's, services were held in the homes of the members. The strength of faith of these members led to the building of our church building on its present location. The church building was dedicated in 1963. For many years, St. Peter thrived with a full congregation, choir and women's group.

St. Cyprian Anglican Parish was built in 1899 on a location 2 ¼ miles east of Teulon. It was moved into Teulon in 1909 to its present location. Through the 1970 and 80's, St. Cyprian was blessed with a large congregation, Sunday school, confirmation for older children, small choir and two women's groups; ACW and JAWG.

This move to work together under the Covenant of Interlake Shared Ministry has been a blessing. It did not resolve the issue of declining numbers and finances but it has provided the opportunity for each church to remain open and offering services to our membership in the form of Sunday service, small confirmation classes and Sunday school. Each church maintains their own identity and is strong in their traditions but what we have created over the last fourteen years is a new foundation on which we continue to build. This foundation affords us the privilege to work together for the greater good of our shared congregations and

community. We operate six months of the year at the St. Cyprian Anglican church and six months of the year at St. Peter Lutheran. We have been blessed with a great group of volunteers who are committed to each other and the community. Our community service includes working with Meals on Wheels, Cheer Board and Food Bank, as well as the interdenominational events Walk of the Cross, Remembrance Day service, Canada Day worship and World Day of Prayer. We are also a part of the ALUR group in Teulon which is made up of volunteers from Anglican, Lutheran, United and Roman Catholic churches.

## Selkirk

Name: Selkirk Evangelical Lutheran Church

Selkirk Evangelical Lutheran was founded by Icelandic settlers on June 9th 1889. For over 125 years, Selkirk Evangelical Lutheran church has been a mainstay of the community situated in the centre of town. We worship weekly with a traditional Lutheran service. Our choir sings and helps to lead the liturgy. We host regular bible studies and volunteer outreach in our community. Our annual Vinnetarte (Icelandic dessert) sales not only help us to raise funds, but connect us to the larger community each fall around Christmas.

## Selkirk

Name: Good Shepherd Lutheran - Selkirk

Founded in 1954, Good Shepherd has been serving Selkirk and area for over 60 years. With a liturgical foundation, Good Shepherd's worship is musically diverse while rooted in Lutheran tradition. Good Shepherd is an active congregation with choirs and music ensembles who sing in worship regularly. We have active Sunday School, Confirmation Program, Adult Education and VBS. We serve regularly at the soup kitchen and give to the food bank. Good Shepherd has recently participated, with other area churches, in sponsoring a refugee family.

Our building, built in 1988, gives us the opportunity to host community groups and events. Like most congregations, we have experienced decline over the past few years, both in terms of members and finances.

The Interlake Regional Shared Ministry is an opportunity for us to re-imagine what ministry looks like in our area, and to follow new ways in which God is calling us to serve our community and proclaim the good news