

Pastoral Information

Pastor John Dehne

Age: 54

Current Call: Senior Pastor, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Family and Background

Pastor John Dehne was born in Red Bud, Illinois. He and his wife, Jill, have been married for 31 years and have two children, Eden, 22, and Micah, 20. Both of their children are currently attending college and pursuing careers in church work.

Pastor John comes from a long line of missionaries, as does Jill. Jill was born in Nigeria to missionary parents, giving both a strong personal connection to mission work and the importance of sharing the Gospel.

Education and Ministry Experience

Pastor John began his professional career as a teacher at Walther League High School in Melrose Park, Illinois. He subsequently served as Youth and Executive Director at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Tracy, California, and later as Executive Director at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Columbus, Indiana.

He graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 2014. Following his seminary education, he served as a pastor and has been the Senior Pastor at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, for the past 12 years.

During his ministry at St. Andrew, Pastor John has demonstrated a strong commitment to reaching people with the Gospel and encouraging his congregation to actively live out its Christian faith. His ministry experience includes preaching, leadership, youth and family ministry, and congregational outreach.

Sabbatical

Pastor John is currently on a planned sabbatical from St. Andrew Lutheran Church. His congregation provides sabbaticals for its pastors as a means of encouraging renewal and helping prevent pastoral burnout.

Because he is currently on sabbatical, his most recent available sermon was preached on May 17, 2026. Members who would like to hear Pastor John's preaching may view his sermons at lgloomd.org.

Personal Interests

During his interview with the Call Committee, Pastor John shared his love of barbecue and cooking. He owns a professional-grade smoker and enjoys preparing food for others. He views food preparation and shared meals as more than a hobby - they can also be opportunities for fellowship and ministry.

His personal website, blog, and social media presence can be found at FaithForward.org.

A Word About Pastor John

Pastor John brings to the pastoral call a combination of teaching experience, youth and executive ministry experience, formal theological education, and 12 years of experience serving as a senior pastor. His missionary family background and passion for reaching people with the Gospel have been important influences throughout his ministry.

Pastor Nycholas (Nych) Greig

Age: 38

Current Call: Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, West Seneca, New York

Family and Background

Pastor Nycholas (Nych) Greig was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He and his wife, Stephanie, have been married for 17 years. Both Pastor Nych and Stephanie hold undergraduate degrees in Family Life Ministry. They have two children, Riley, 13, and Henry, 9.

Education and Ministry Experience

Pastor Nych received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 2009. He served as a Vicar at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, Michigan, from 2011 to 2012. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, in 2013.

Following seminary, Pastor Nych served as Associate Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Richmond, Virginia, for eight years. In 2021, he accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran Church in West Seneca, New York, where he currently serves as the congregation's sole pastor.

His ministry experience includes pastoral leadership, preaching and teaching, family ministry, and serving congregations in different regions of the country.

Looking West

During his interview with the Call Committee, Pastor Nych shared that he has never lived or traveled farther west than Nebraska and is excited about the possibility of experiencing a new part of the country.

For Pastor Nych and his family, a call to St. Lukes would represent an opportunity to experience the West while also bringing his pastoral experience and family-ministry background to a new congregation and community.

Personal Interests

During his interview, Pastor Nych shared that one of his hobbies is playing strategy-based board games. While some members of the Call Committee initially thought of familiar games such as Parcheesi or Clue, the younger members of the committee immediately knew the types of games he was describing!

His interest in strategy games provided an enjoyable glimpse into one of Pastor Nych's interests outside of his pastoral responsibilities.

A Word About Pastor Nych

Pastor Nych brings to the pastoral call a strong educational background in family ministry, formal theological training, and more than a decade of pastoral experience. His ministry has included service as both an associate pastor and a sole pastor, giving him experience in different pastoral roles and congregational settings.

To hear Pastor Nych preach: Trinity Lutheran Church's sermons are available at trinitywestseneca.com.