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*Introduction for East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
Internship Year*

Greetings! I am looking forward to the upcoming year of serving with you! I am excited to get to know the community at East Koshkonong. I will let you know a little about myself, and I hope to learn more about you when I arrive in August.

I grew up in the country near Lisbon, Iowa. We were active in an ELCA church in Cedar Rapids. Family and faith were very important to me as a child. I love spending time with friends and family. It is also life giving for me to be active and spend time outdoors. I enjoy reading, playing guitar, and hearing live music. I have also trained in the martial art of Taekwondo for nearly 20 years.

I developed a passion for discipleship and mission during high school and college. I experienced worship in a variety of ministry settings which contributed to my passion for unity within the body of Christ. While working at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp for five summers I grew in enjoyment and skills in ministry.

After graduating from Iowa State University, I moved to Saint Paul, MN, where I have worked in the public schools with special education students and volunteered with the Navigators collegiate ministry and 20's and 30's ministry. I worked as a Children's Minister for three years and grew in my love for the church and for equipping people for ministry.

I am excited about the fact that it is God who comes to us in the midst of our brokenness in order to bring about healing and reconciliation, and about the fact that we too are called to follow Christ and enter into the world with others in order to be a part of God's work in the world. My life experiences both joyous and sorrowful have contributed to my call to ministry. I have learned the importance of being a safe place for people to ask questions of faith. Through the deaths of family members, both young and old, I have learned of God's healing presence, the importance of honest prayer, and the blessing of loving community.

I graduate from Bethel Seminary in June. I have lived in Minnesota the last 8 years, but I am looking forward to the opportunity to explore Wisconsin! I am excited that we can come alongside each other in life and faith through community experiences, worship, outreach, Bible study, prayer, and listening to each other's stories. Thank you for the opportunity to join you.