

Mission: We are called to be Christ's Light...in all things we are committed to seeking & following God's will and not our own. Believe It! Live It! Come to it!

Greetings sisters and brothers of BLC,

My name is Erich Hartenberger and I will be journeying with you as your interim pastor in this time of transition. I look forward to getting to know each of you better in the near future; for now, here is a little more about me and my family.

I spent most of my young life in Albuquerque, NM and attended Baylor University in Waco, TX. After about five years of life experience beyond college I entered seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. I graduated from LSTC in 2011 and was ordained that August. In September of 2011, I was called to serve two rural congregations here in our synod: Zion, near Rock Springs, and St. John in Leland; I have been in ministry with these folks for a wonderful 9+ years. One day, during a time of silence at one of Zion's Lenten services, I heard a voice say: "It's time to go." I understood this to be God speaking to me; much like Elijah's experience in 1 Kings 19:11-13. So for some time now I've known that I was supposed "to go", but I had no idea where I would be going. I am excited that my next call is with you!



Early in my time at seminary I met Deasy (pronounced like the flower: daisy). We dated for some years and were married in Mexico in July of 2010. Deasy is originally from Chiapas, Mexico (the southernmost state, known for amber and coffee). She is currently in her last year of studies at U.W. Madison pursuing a degree in early childhood education with an emphasis in ESL (English as a Second Language).

In February of 2014, Deasy and I welcomed our daughter, Ilana (Hebrew for: big tree or oak tree), into our family. Ilana is in 1st grade this year.

When we have the opportunity, we like to travel for vacation to see family in either Mexico or New Mexico. Often times, family members come to visit us. My brother lives in Washington D.C. and my sister and her family live in Oslo, Norway. In my spare time I enjoy being outdoors and especially like pursuing whitetail deer with a recurve bow.

Again, I look forward to meeting you! I am interested in learning your stories as individuals and your collective story as the people who make up the body of Christ at BLC!

Until we meet, God's blessings to you all and stay healthy and well!

Pr. Erich

Annual meeting of the Congregation Sunday January 24th, 10:00 am



The meeting will be by zoom so you can tune in on your computer or phone using the invitation below.

Melissa Lease is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: BLC Annual Meeting

Time: Jan 24, 2021 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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