

St. Luke's and Good Shepherd to Engage in Discernment Process

- The partnership of St. Luke's and Good Shepherd will be three years old this September. As part of our ongoing process of working together in ministry, leaders from both parishes will begin work on a process of discernment regarding the future of our shared ministry. With the support of each parish's vestry, and the Office of the Bishop, the **discernment process begins July 23-25**. Here's what else every member of St. Luke's and Good Shepherd needs to know.
- Along with Father Earl Mahan, the discernment process participants include **from St. Luke's**: Chris Sturgeon, Bruce Ward, David Miller, Kathy Joslin, and Julie Sturgeon and **from Good Shepherd**: Mickey Harrison, Brenda Finch, Joanne Owen, George Gray, and Carie Kennedy.
- The discernment process will be guided by **The Rev. Daniel V. Pearson**, of St. Paul, MN. Rev. Pearson has many years of experience doing consulting and interim ministry work in Episcopal parishes, including here, in the Diocese of Missouri.
- Rev. Pearson will conduct the first of several **monthly workshop sessions** with the discernment process group on Friday evening and Saturday, July 23 & 24. We expect the discernment process to most likely conclude sometime by the end of 2021.
- Rev. Pearson will be the **guest preacher and speaker at BOTH** St. Luke's and Good Shepherd, on Sunday, July 25.
- To make this Sunday schedule possible, both congregations will have special times for worship and conversation. Good Shepherd's service time will begin at 11:00 am, while **St. Luke's service time will begin at 9:00 AM on July 25**.
- Worship at both St. Luke's and Good Shepherd will be followed by a time to get acquainted with Rev. Pearson and learn more about the discernment process.
- Both St. Luke's and Good Shepherd will livestream the entire Sunday morning schedule for those unable to attend in-person.

More information will be forthcoming over the next few weeks. In the meantime, **please take note of the special time for our July 25 service on your calendar**, and we hope that you will plan to be a part of the conversations.