

WE HAVE CALLED A NEW PASTOR . . .

On Sunday, May 19, 2019, the congregation called Rev. Jeffrey T. Unga to be our new pastor! He and his family, wife, Kelli, and son, Abraham, will be joining us sometime in August, 2019.

Pastor Unga graduated in 1995 from upper Iowa University in Fayette, IA, with a Bachelors in Arts degree, majoring in psychology. He then graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary in 1999 with a Masters in Divinity.

Pastor Unga has been happily married to his wife, Kelli, for nearly 28 years. They have 5 children, ranging in age from 27 to 15 years old. Pastor Jeff has served ELCA congregations in Eureka, KS; Clear Lake, IA; Dakota City, NE; and currently serves as assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission in the Western Iowa Synod.



The Unga family: left to right- Kelli, Pastor Jeff,

In his current call as Director for Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Unga has gained valuable lessons in the area of evangelism and financial stewardship. He has developed a ministry for congregation vitality in the Western Iowa Synod and has worked with many congregations to assist them with growing in their faith and renewing their sense of purpose. Pastor Jeff is a very spirit filled leader with passion for the Gospel and compassion for all people.

His hobbies include watching his children in high school sports and activities, participating in leadership in the local Boy Scout troops, riding bicycle, and swinging golf clubs. (Note: this much more accurate than saying he plays golf!) Three of his sons have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, and his youngest son plans to complete his Eagle project this summer. His daughter will be entering seminary this fall. His wife, Kelli, is self employed as an independent distributor of Advocare health and wellness products and is a wellness coach for anyone who wants to improve their health and well being. She home educated all 5 children through 8th grade and has enjoyed the privilege and honor of being a stay at home mom.