

2025 Congregation Council Nominees



Jenny Feid

Jenny has been a member of Nativity for 29 years. In the past she has been involved in youth ministries, including Faith Formation, Children's Word Time, and Youth Group. Currently, Jenny is involved in a variety of small groups, including co-facilitating Reconciling Conversations. Professionally, she is a school based Speech-Language Pathologist working for Buncombe County Schools. The heart and focus of her faith journey is taking care of God's Creation and taking care of one another.



Gary Lamson

Gary grew up in a suburb of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He spent 3 years completing his Family Medicine residency in Duluth, MN and then moved to Albert Lea, MN where he served patients in Albert Lea, Alden, and Wells, MN for 31 years. He retired and moved to Asheville in 2014. His mother had grown up in West Asheville and he had visited relatives in the area during summer vacation. He joined

Extended Care Physicians in October of 2014 and provided care in long term care facilities in the surrounding area until he retired a second time in October of 2020. He has not flunked his second retirement!

He is married to Carollyne Stedmann, and they will be celebrating their 45th anniversary this June. They have two children. Their daughter, Becca lives with her husband Paul near Madison, Wisconsin. Their son, Alex is adopted from South Korea and lives in Mankato, Minnesota. They have one granddaughter, Aliyah who is 10 and lives in Belle Plaine, Minnesota. He enjoys hiking, gardening, working on projects on their property, and visiting their children and granddaughter. He also enjoys volunteering with a group from Nativity for Habitat for Humanity, at the Calvary Food Pantry, Men's Card Ministry, and the Lord's Acre Fletcher. He recently started volunteering one morning a week at MemoryCare as a greeter and helping with their library.

He is a member of Nativity's Yard Guard, Property Committee, and Personnel Committee. He serves as a reader at the first service and is on the team that operates the AV equipment at the second service. He also attends the Wednesday morning BibleStudy.

He served 5 years on the council in the recent past and now that 2 years has elapsed, he is eligible to serve again if elected.



Kathryn Lanier

Kathryn's Lutheran church background involves being a member of the Lutheran Church of the Nativity since March 6, 2022. She began attending in October of 2021. She states "I have never felt so welcomed and cared for by a congregation."

In her time here she has become an assisting minister, a reader, a communion assistant, a member of the council and has been encouraged to share her gift and love of yoga with the congregation. She feels supported by the Pastor and the congregation.

Prior to becoming a yoga instructor Kathryn was a stay at home mom for over 20 years. Before that she was in the IT industry as a programmer and ultimately as a Systems Analyst. Her educational background includes a BS in Psychology and an AAS in Computer Programming. She has three grown children. Jillian - who is in God's grace now, and twins, Jacob and Kristina who turned 30 in March.



Stephen Pierce

Stephen has attended Nativity since his childhood, though stopped regularly attending during high school. He returned after graduating college and became an active member, taking over Pub Theology with Andra Nus. He currently works as a marketing coordinator at Irene Wortham Center, a non-profit providing child care and residential services to persons with developmental disorders or financial need. He writes fiction in his spare time, with stories published or forthcoming in

numerous professional literary magazines and anthologies. Stephen values Nativity as a place of fostering community and dialogue and wants to promote spiritual growth and service action.



Liz Teall-Fleming

Liz is wife of Dennis for over 20 years and mom to Anna, Julia, Laura and Mark. She is Mimi to Reid and Jackson. She has a dog and two cats. She is a proud lifelong Lutheran, coming from a long line of Lutherans before her. She is a French teacher in the Buncombe County school system. Liz has lived in Asheville for over 10 years now, coming from Gastonia and Hickory before that. She happily joined Nativity in December 2011. Since joining Nativity, she has taught Sunday School, sang in the Campfire Choir, served on Council, and has been a reader. She has also

served as a CARE leader at Lutheridge. Liz likes to spend time with her family, travel, take pictures, swim, and does a little bit of hiking to find local waterfalls.



Russ Truluck

Russ was a member of Nativity from 1980 to 1994 and rejoined in 2009. During his initial membership, he served on the administrative council, was on a call committee, and was instrumental in organizing a very active men's group.

During his membership at Biltmore United Methodist Church he chaired the staff /parish committee and chaired the administrative council for two terms. Since rejoining he has served on the Personnel committee and is currently a member of the Finance Committee.