



Ministry as ELCA Pastor

- St. John Lutheran Church, Kailua, HI; Co-lead Pastor (1993-1996).
- Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Casper Wy; Associate Pastor (1996-1999).
- Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, Sammamish Hills, WA; Co-Lead Intentional Interim Pastor (2000-2003).
- Vashon Island Lutheran Church, Vashon Island, WA; Assisting Pastor (2002- 2003).
- Grace Lutheran Church, Wallingford, Seattle, WA; Volunteer Worship Pastor (2003- 2004).
- Cross & Crown Lutheran Church, Renton, WA; Bridge Pastor (2004-2005).
- Edmonds Lutheran Church, Edmonds, WA; Lead Intentional Interim Pastor (2005- 2007).
- Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ; Pastor Member, Grand Canyon Synod Missional Leadership Team (2007-2010).
- Church of the Beloved, Edmonds, WA and Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Kirkland, WA; Consulting Pastor, Supply Preacher & Rehabilitation Counselor (2010-2011).
- Christ Lutheran Church, Santa Fe, NM; Intentional Interim Pastor (2011-2013).
- Atonement Lutheran Church, Boulder, CO; Senior Intentional Interim Pastor (2013-2015).
- Atonement Lutheran Church, San Diego, CA; Placed Pastor (2015-2020).
- Zion's Lutheran Church, Trinidad CO; Intentional Interim (2022-2023).
- All Saints Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM; Visitation Pastor (2023-2024).
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamos, NM; Bridge Associate Pastor (2023-2024).
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM; Intentional Interim Pastor (2024-2025).
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamos, NM; Senior Transition Pastor (2025-Present).



Rev. Dr. Kathryn Anne (Kate) Schlechter Retirement Reception & Luncheon



**A Child of God's Journey of Faith &
Service Celebrating 42 Years of
Active Ministry & 59 Years of
Baptismal Ministry**

**Sunday, September 6, 2026
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamos, NM**



Program

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Welcome & Introductions

Comments on Special Journey

Congratulations from Luther Seminary Past

Reflections

- . Childhood Friend
- . Prayer Partner & Former Missionary to Japan
- . Colleague Pastor
- . Bethlehem Youth
- . Grateful Deacon

Presentation by Bethlehem Lutheran Presidents

What Say You Pastor Kate?

Sending Prayer

Song of Blessing



Beginnings



- . Born in Glendora, CA (January 14, 1959).
- . Raised in Seal Beach, CA.
- . Baptized at Faith Lutheran Church (LCMS), Huntington Beach, CA (Easter 1967).

Education

- . AA, Fashion Merchandising & Design, Bauder College, Sacramento, CA (1977).
- . BA, English Literature with Secondary Teaching Option, Cal State University Long Beach, Long Beach, CA (1984).
- . MDiv, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN (1993).
- . MS, Psychology, Marriage & Family Therapy, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA (2005).
- . Certification, Small Sailboat Captain, San Diego, CA (2015).
- . MA, Mythology with Emphasis in Depth Psychology, Pacifica Graduate Institute, Carpinteria, CA (2018).
- . PhD, Mythology with Emphasis in Depth Psychology, Pacifica Graduate Institute, Carpinteria, CA (2024).

Preparation

- . Campus Ministry, Cal State University Long Beach (1980-1984).
- . LCA Missionary, Japan (1984-1988).
- . ELCA Divinity Student, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN (1989-1992). Sponsored by Sierra Vista Lutheran Church, Sierra Vista, AZ.
- . ELCA Ordination, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Great Falls, MT (March 1993).