

Marc A. Stutzel

First-Call Candidate, New Jersey Synod

Objective

To serve as a pastor, building faith through preaching, innovative children, youth, and adult programming, and shepherding the church to become the storytellers God is calling them to be.

Strengths

Preaching & Teaching Communications/Media Youth & Family Ministry

Education

Master of Divinity *cum laude*, The General Theological Seminary 2014
Certificate of Theological Study, The Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia 2011
ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship recipient
Bachelor of Science in Operations Research & Industrial Engineering, Cornell University 2004

Select Experience

Advent Lutheran Church New York City, NY 2010-2014

Roles - Seminarian; Vicar; Dir. of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries; Dir. of Communications

- Preached the gospel in traditional and contemporary worship settings
- Explored faith by leading and organizing several adult bible studies
- Planned children and youth programming including weekly Sunday School
- Shared God's story with 10 wonderful teens in Advent's two-year Confirmation Program
- Walked with New Jersey as a member of the NJ's Curriculum Team for 2014's Synod-wide Confirmation Camp
- Equipped leaders by recruiting parents and confirmed youth to co-lead and teach
- Made a joyful noise by developing two youth choirs, a congregation-wide talent show, Easter Breakfasts, and Souper Bowl of Caring events
- Grew Advent's story by re-branding Advent's communications with an innovative website, faith formation through the use of social media, new newsletters, and bulletins
- Proclaimed the Risen Christ by sharing the story of Jesus in my life and encouraging others to share their Jesus story too!

Metropolitan New York Synod & ELCA

- Co-created The Sower's Project (sowersproject.mnys.org), an initiative to create, build, and spur innovative ministries throughout the Synod
- Successfully organized campaign to add \$4 million goal to the capital campaign to nurture lay youth and young adult leadership formation at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly
- Led 2012 call committee at home church (Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Island City)

Freelance Web Designer and Programmer

My clients included dance studios, non-profits, Broadway theatre bloggers, artists, and software companies

Fun Facts

- Hometown: Littleton, Colorado (and still roots for The Denver Broncos)
- Currently Reading: *Transformative Lutheran Theologies*, edited by Mary J. Streufert
- New Favorite Book: *The Crocodile Who Didn't Like Water*