

Rev. Jason W. Huebner - Bio



Ephesians 2:8-10

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Hello friends!

It is good to be among God’s people in Southport, North Carolina. I look forward to connecting with you soon! As disciples, I am excited about participating with you in ministry for the sake of our community and world.

My faith journey began as a child in the northwest suburbs of Chicago where my family lived their faith. A few miles away, my high school sweetheart and soon to be wife, Amy, was also being raised in a strong Christian family.

Amy and I attended college together at Concordia University in Chicago, which is where I felt God’s call to consider ministry as a career. I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education and was certified as a K-9 teacher in the state of Illinois. Then, after additional studies and an internship, I became commissioned as a Director of Christian Education. I served in Christian Education and Youth Ministry roles full-time for 10 years in the Chicagoland area, and five years in Salisbury, NC at Saint John’s Lutheran Church. In those years I engaged in leadership roles at the synodical and district levels with curriculum writing teams, the Book of Faith Initiative, and the Fall Convocation planning team. I’ve organized police and church partnerships with a 5K cooperative community fundraiser for cancer, lead teams for Relay for Life, specialized in short term youth missions trips, organized youth fundraisers raising 15k annually, confirmed over 100 teens through Catechism classes, and lead worship bands mixing contemporary and traditional church music.

After serving in Youth and Family Ministry at Saint John’s in Salisbury, I felt called to engage in more studies. As a result, I enrolled in seminary following God’s call toward ordained ministry. I received my Master’s of Divinity Degree in 2013 from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, NC. From there I was given an internship assignment as a Vicar at Shiloh Lutheran Church in Lewisville, NC, and Augsburg Lutheran Church in Winston-Salem, NC.

My first pastoral call began with my ordination on 3.14.15, or as I like to call it, pi day. That’s when I began leading the people of St. James Lutheran Church in Rockwell, NC. I faithfully proclaimed the gospel and administered the sacraments there for almost six years. In that time I baptized close to 30 children, revitalized Sunday school, emphasized family and children’s ministry, and began a Children’s bell choir. It was exciting to see the children’s sermons change

from my first day with two children to over 30 kids at the end of my call. I also blended modern and traditional worship after installing media and projection into the sanctuary tastefully, engaged the congregation in multi-denominational services and outreach programs, orchestrated major property changes and rentals, organized a massive stained glass window renewal project, applied for and received multiple grants for the church preschool, led a Financial Peace University program, began a Portico building project, led a congregational book study on Stewardship, organized the Men in Mission in renovating a home for a family in need, and much more.

One of my favorite Bible verses about ministry is Ephesians 2:10. In it, the apostle Paul speaks of how we have been “created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” In other words, all Christians have skill sets and resources for God’s specific reasons. My hope at Saint Peter is that I can inspire us to develop our gifts and discern God’s direction so that we can do the ministry that God created in advance for us to do. I want to encourage, guide, and help church members listen for God’s direction and then work together to follow that lead. Even though we are in a pandemic, we are still called to be the church for the sake of the world. That means we need to be creative and careful as we discern ways to serve God and our neighbors.

More about my family...

I love to play the guitar and sing. Amy and I enjoy games like Hand and Foot (cards), Mexican Train (dominos), and watching Cubs baseball and Bears Football. You also might see me on the golf course, in a soup kitchen, riding a bike, or kayaking. I enjoy reading, listening to podcasts on wars, and find European and Christian histories fascinating.

My wife Amy retired from teaching this year, so we’ll see her in many midday church activities. She also enjoys teaching children’s Sunday school, and shopping with friends.

Our two children are now grown. Our daughter Lilly is in her freshman year at UNC Asheville. You’ll see her at church periodically during school breaks. She has many talents in singing, acting, and playing instruments. My son Jacob is 20 years old and just bought a house near Salisbury, NC. He works as an electrician’s apprentice. He loves his road bike and often pedals to work and takes 40+ mile trips on Saturdays.

I am delighted to be here to help Pastor Nick and the ministry team of Saint Peter as we seek to serve our Lord together for our community and world. I look forward to connecting with the people of the Southport area sharing my gifts and love for Jesus with all I encounter. I am excited about our future together as we share our hearts and follow the ways of Jesus. I’ll see you soon!

Serving Christ,

Pastor Jason