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Lutheran Friends of the Deaf Welcomes New Deaf Missions Facilitator

“The Lord works in mysterious ways.” Something Pastor Tyler Walworth, the newly appointed Deaf Missions Facilitator at Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, believes wholeheartedly.

In his new role, Pastor Walworth will use his innate skills and resources to serve Lutheran Friends of the Deaf—a division of Mill Neck Family of Organizations that develops resources for deaf ministry, congregations, and training for religious interpreters—with the gospel of Christ. He will also assist with current national and international projects; help to identify new projects that will expand the mission Lutheran Friends of the Deaf has already established; and represent Mill Neck at conventions, convocations, panels, and pulpits.

“Ever since I started reading and hearing about the work Mill Neck has done, I have been so impressed,” says Pastor Walworth. “From its humble beginnings to the amazing network of organizations it has become, Mill Neck has faithfully served the Deaf with the word of God. I am proud to call myself a part of this organization.”

Pastor Walworth’s most recent role was teaching Deaf Ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind., filling in for Pastor Steven Schumacher who took a call to Ghana. Pushing his nerves aside, Pastor Walworth forged ahead to impart the word of God to the Deaf. “I could hardly believe that I was teaching at the seminary,” he admits. “But, armed with determination, some good materials, and my gracious students, I set off teaching Deaf Ministry.”

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Prior to teaching at the Seminary, Pastor Walworth held the title of a Vicar, training under Pastor Robert Bennett and Pastor Thomas Dunseth, serving Trinity Lutheran Church, Christ the King Lutheran Church of the Deaf, and Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf.

However, Pastor Walworth didn't receive his calling to spread the word of God right away. It wasn't until he attended Lutheran High School in Kansas City, Mo., that he realized opening people's eyes to Christ would become his life's path. "My Old Testament teacher had an excellent way of bringing Christ into the very depth of creation and the history of the world," says Pastor Walworth. "It was then I made the decision to proclaim those things to others."

Pastor Walworth took this calling and fulfilled it with fervor. He attended Concordia Seminary—a St. Louis-based college centered on the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the specific formation of pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, scholars, and leaders in the name of The Lutheran Church—and received his Pre-Seminary Certificate.

"God is good at leading his children to the places he knows they will serve best," Pastor Walworth says. "I feel blessed to receive this call and I pray that I might be a blessing in turn. I look forward to serving Lutheran Friends of the Deaf as the new Deaf Missions Facilitator."

Michael Killian, President of Mill Neck Family of Organizations, says he's excited to bring someone like Pastor Walworth aboard a team full of committed individuals who want nothing more than to bring the gospel message to the Deaf community.

"The mission and ministry of Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, both domestically and internationally, will be greatly enhanced by the addition of this bright, young, and engaging pastor," he says.

Pastor Walworth currently lives with his wife, Kelsey, and 10-month-old son James in Michigan.

Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, today part of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, provides support for educational and evangelistic outreach to Deaf people of all ages throughout the United States and world. For more information, please call 800-264-0662 or visit millneck.org.



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