

Rev. Dr. Marcus J. Carlson

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Objective

Passionate, dynamic, leader with a diverse range of experience & a track record of success serving God & all of humanity in a way that helps bring about transformation in a ministry, educational or non-profit setting.

Strengths & Expertise

- Strategic visionary leader with expertise in organizational health.
- Superb time manager with a breadth of experience in a wide range of settings.
- Excellent crisis and conflict management skills.
- Gifted communicator, networker and collaborator.
- Experienced mentor and developer of leaders, pastors and staff.
- Creative, outside the box thinker focused on team work.
- Highly motivated and flexible man of integrity with high self knowledge.
- Excellent organizational skills and work ethic, successful grant writer.
- Primary Spiritual Gifts: Discernment, Administration, Leadership, Teaching

Education

- Doctor of Ministry, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA (GPA: 3.93)
- Masters of Professional Counseling, Liberty University (completed half of degree) (GPA: 3.87)
- Masters of Arts in Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, Colorado Springs, CO (GPA: 3.60)
- Masters of Divinity Equivalency Coursework at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO (GPA: 3.60)
- Certificate in Youth Ministry, Fuller Theological Seminary, Colorado Springs, CO
- BA Youth Ministries, Eastern University, St. David's, PA (GPA: 3.60-Cum Laude)
 - Minors in Psychology, Theology & Leadership

Certifications & Published Works

- Ordained Pastor, Certified with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission For Christ (LCMC)
- Trained Intentional Interim Pastor
- QPR (Suicide Prevent) Certified Trainer
- Author, Habits of Healthy Churches: 7 Practices to Transform Your Church Culture
- Author, The False Gospel of Guilt and Shame (2018)
- Author, Re-Thinking Confirmation: A Practical Guide (2016)
- Author, Holy Families Small Group Curriculum (2015-2016)
- Contributor, Inside Job Doing the Work Within the Work Companion Workbook (2015)
- The Church's call to address the development of adolescents in it's community (Dmin)
- Contributor, Holy Families Project (2015-2017)
- Writer, Connections Magazine (2010-2019)

Work Experience

Executive Director, Preparing for Amazement Ministries	01/20-present
Intentional Interim Senior Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church	09/20-12/21
Affiliate Faculty & Faculty Trainer, Kairos University Graduate & Doctoral Level	06/18-present
Guest Lecturer, Purdue Fort Wayne	01/16-present
Adjunct Faculty, Toccoa Falls College	05/14-05/22
Senior Pastor: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, IN	07/13-12/19

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Affiliate Faculty, Southwestern College Graduate & Undergraduate Level	01/13-03/18
Adjunct Faculty, Pikes Peak Community College	08/12-05/13
Associate Pastor: Bethel Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, CO	12/09-05/13
Children's Minister: St Luke's UM Church, Highlands Ranch, CO	7/08-9/09
Director of Student Ministries: Sunrise UM Church, Colorado Springs, CO	10/05-5/08
Youth Minister: Christ UM Church, Lafayette, IN	02/03-10/05
Pastor to Youth & Young Adults: Emmanuel UM Church, Blissfield, MI	06/01-01/03

Other Professional & Volunteer Experience

- Leadership of Spiritual Travel (2014-present)
- Faculty, Harvest Workers (2020-present)
- Church Consulting (2009-present)
- Speaking & teaching for non-profit, business, government & community groups worldwide (2003-present)
- Provided training to pastors and youth leaders in Kenya, Nepal, Bangladesh and India (2014-present)
- Pastoral Certification Interviewer, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (2019-present)
- LCMC Intentional Interim Leadership Team (2022-present)
- Tech volunteer, Grabill Missionary Church (2020-present)
- Marching Band Parent Volunteer GKB schools (2018-present)
- Board Member, United Way of DeKalb County (2018-2020)
- Community Mental Health Collaboration Team Leader (2018-2020)
- Sources of Strength Suicide Prevention Program adult leader, Garrett High School (2017-2020)
- Junior Achievement Volunteer, (2015-2020)
- Spiritual Director, various settings (2008-present)
- Crisis Response Team, GKB Schools (2017-2021)
- Strategic Planning Team & Mental Health Advisory Team, GKB School District (2016-2018)
- Heartland District NALC Council, Renewal Team, Conflict Resolution Team and Transition Team (2016-2018)
- Board member, JAM recreation center, (2014-2016)
- Small Wonders Committee, Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community Schools (2014-2016)
- Learning Link, Parent Education and School-Business Partnerships Committees (2014-2018)
- Classroom Volunteer, various schools (2010-2017)
- Leadership team, Colorado Springs youth worker network (2011-2013)
- Funeral & Memorial Chaplain, Shrine of Remembrance, Colorado Springs, CO (2011-2013)
- Volunteer Chaplain/Pastor for Cedar Springs Hospital (2011-2013)
- Founder, Preparing for Amazement Ministries (2009-present)
- Leadership Mentoring & Training, various settings (2006-present)
- Chairperson, District Accountability Committee, Colorado Springs District II (2011-2013)
- Leader of regional Lutheran youth ministry collaboration (2011-2013)
- Board Member, One Nation Non-Profit, Colorado Springs, CO (2010-2012)
- Book Reviewer, Thomas Nelson Publishing (2011-2014)
- Member, various school and District committees, Colorado Springs (2010-2013)
- Teaching Assistant/Co-instructor, Eastern University (1999-2001)
- Student Chaplain, Student Chaplain Advisor & Resident Assistant, Eastern University (1998-2001)