



Biography of Rev. John Marcus Taggatz, B.A., M. Div.

John M. Taggatz was born on March 19, 1980 to his parents, Elaine & Mark Taggatz, in Edina, MN. He is the oldest of three children, Eric and Nathan are his brothers. John was baptized into God's family on April 20, 1980. In 1986, John began school at Our Savior Lutheran in Excelsior, MN (LCMS). He attended Kindergarten-8th grade there and graduated in the Spring of 1995. He was confirmed on May 7th, 1995 by Pastor John Zahrt.

John then attended Mayer Lutheran High School in the Fall of 1995 and graduated from there in the Spring of 1999. While he was at High School, John was active in the National Honors Society, he was involved with the Concert Band, as well as Pep Band, ran Cross Country and Track and performed in a couple of drama performances. He also received his Eagle Scout Award from Excelsior, MN Troop 424 in January of 1997.

After High School, John ended up attending college at Concordia University in St. Paul, MN (LCMS). While at the University, John was involved in Cross Country and Track, he played the Bass Clarinet in the College Band, and also participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He graduated from Concordia University, *magna cum laude*, in the Spring of 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts degree (B.A.), majoring in Theology.

After college, John attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO in the Fall of 2003 and graduated in the Spring of 2007. During his Seminary career, John met the woman of his dreams through one of his classmates Matthew Wurm, who is now his brother-in-law. His brother-in-law Matt currently serves as an LCMS Pastor in Brookings, South Dakota. Pastor Taggatz & Roxanne had their first date at Camp LuWiSoMo in Wild Rose, WI during the Summer of 2004. It was love at first sight! On June 24, 2005 he married Roxanne at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Sheboygan, WI, and their marriage has been blessed with four children, Edward, Martin, Eleanor, and Julia.

John was also on an internship that every Seminarian does for a year before he graduates. During that year of internship, the Seminarians are called Vicars. John did his Vicarage at Faith Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Bay City, MI. On April 25th, 2007 John received a Call to St. John Lutheran Church in Baldwin, IL, a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). On July 1st, 2007 he was ordained into the Holy Ministry at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Excelsior, MN and he was installed as a Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Baldwin, IL on July 8th, 2007.

During Pastor Taggatz's years of service at St. John Lutheran Church Baldwin, IL he served as Pastoral Advisor to Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville, IL from 2008 to Sept. 2014. Pastor Taggatz also served as the Vice Chairman of the Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School's Board of Governance since July 2012. Pastor Taggatz served the Southern IL District of the LCMS as a Secretary on the Campus Ministry Mentor Committee of Southwestern IL College of Belleville, IL, a position he held since July of 2013. After graduating from Seminary, Pastor Taggatz was involved in our LCMS church body's *Post Seminary Applied Learning & Support* (PALS) program from 2007-2010, with Pastor Mark Nebel serving as his mentor. He also completed the DOXOLOGY program in the Fall of 2013. DOXOLOGY is the Lutheran Center for Spiritual Counsel led by Dr. Bev Yahnke & Dr. Harold Senkbeil. It is a program that helps train pastors to be better equipped in the spiritual care of souls of those within the congregation that they serve. Since July of 2008, Pastor Taggatz also served as Pastor of the Week at Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, IL, leading the camp counselors there in Bible Study and doing devotions with the campers. Pastor Taggatz also served as LWML Lower & Upper Kaskaskia Zone Counselor for the Southern IL District (LCMS), from May 2013-Sept. 2014

In September of 2014, Pastor Taggatz began a Divine Call at Christ Lutheran Church & School in West Bloomfield, WI and Calvary Lutheran Church Waupaca, WI. He served those parishes from September 2014-August 2020. During his time at Christ and Calvary Pastor Taggatz was involved teaching the Christian Day School Students God's Word in weekly chapel services and Christian Day School Confirmation Class. He taught Confirmation Class to the Public School children of Christ and Calvary on Wednesday evenings. Pastor Taggatz was involved with the Calvary Lutheran Men's Club, where he often went with them on fishing trips to Camp Luther in Three Lakes, WI, even ice fishing in the Winter. He was also active in serving as the Pastor on Calvary Waupaca's Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML).

Pastor Taggatz thanks God that he is called to be a Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church & School & Early Childcare Center in Oak Creek, WI and looks forward to sharing many years of ministry with them, serving God's Kingdom as a Minister of the Sacraments and the Word of God!!!