

Section IV
NOMINATIONS
For Today's Business
March 4, 2025

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Rev. Michael Brown

Candidate Nomination Info

Candidate Status: Ordained Minister

Candidate Essay Question Response

Education:

B.A. of Public Administration - Park University, Parkville, MO - 2004

M.Div - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO - 2009

Westfield House - Cambridge, UK - '06/'07

Occupation:

Currently, I am in my 16th year serving as a pastor. I have served in the role of associate pastor at a larger church for almost 9 years, and now have served as a sole pastor at a smaller congregation for 7 years. Before seminary, I was a supervisor at a financial corporation and also interned, then worked for a United States Senator in Washington D.C..

Candidate Congregation Information:

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Barrington

1st LCMS Congregation Year: 1990

LCMS District Membership Year: 2018

Current Congregation Membership Year: 2018

Congregation Experience:

Associate Pastor - Redeemer Lutheran Church - Lincoln, NE - 2009-2018

Pastor - Saint Matthew Lutheran Church - Barrington, IL - 2018-Present

District Experience:

District Life Coordinator - English District - 2013-2018

Koinonia Project - Lincoln North Circuit Chaplain - Nebraska District - 2015-2016

North Region Vice President - Northern Illinois District - 2020-Present

Synod Experience:

2017 LCMS Life Conference - Washington D.C. - Preacher/Worship Assistant

Community Service Experience:

Belize Mission Society Board Of Directors - 2020-Present (2025 - Chairman)

Barrington Area Ministerial Association - Barrington, IL - Active 2018 - Present (2025 - Leader)

Barrington Area Civic Leader Cohort - 2022-Present

Lincoln Lutheran Middle & High School - Lincoln, NE - School Board- 2011/12 & 2016/17

Hartley Elementary (Public) School Community Advisory Group - Lincoln, NE - 2013-2018

Nebraska State Lutherans For Life - Pastoral Advisor - 2015 & 2016

Nebraska Association Of Congregations For Concordia - Congregational Delegate - 2009-2018



Mission of Work:

The mission of Christ's Church is to strengthen the saved and save the lost. Christ's Church strengthens the saved by the Spirit drawing us closer together in Jesus through His Word and Sacraments – the fruits of His cross and tomb delivered to us here and now. Here God works so our faith is sustained, deepened, and borne out with good fruit.

Christ's Church saves the lost when the same Word and Spirit that draws us together to receive forgiveness, life, and salvation in Jesus alone, pushes us back out into the world to love, serve, and share this new life with others in our daily vocations; inviting them to gather with us around the same Jesus we hear, taste, and are cleansed anew by each week.

The Synod and her districts faithfully strive to come alongside congregations to facilitate God's work together, that otherwise cannot be done as well or effectively apart.

Challenges, Opportunities, Goals:

Now standing at the 2nd quarter of the 21st century, we can see the tremendous challenges Christ's Church faces across our American urban, suburban, rural, and small-town landscapes, alike. Yet, so too are the opportunities tremendous! So, just as our current circumstance is new, so may we, by God's Word and Spirit, faithfully think anew and faithfully act anew to rise and meet it anew with thanks and joy as Christ's Church - a Church that is no less anchored in Christ crucified, grounded in God's Word, and guided in its understanding and practice from our Lutheran Confessions, as generations past.

Instead of shrinking from the hard task before us or lamenting the loss of the “golden years” behind us, churches, district, and Synod can rise to meet our current occasion with the same undaunted courage that our forefathers tapped into as pioneers, yet in our own new frontier. By God's Word and Spirit, let us strive together in that common cause, trusting God's promise in Eph. 3:20-21.

