



REPORT OF INTERNSHIP / REPORT OF FACULTY: FORM D

Candidate's Name: Catherine Reuter

Synod Name: 5H Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

REPORT OF INTERNSHIP

Congregation/Institution: Salem/ Long Lake Lutheran Church

Supervisor's Name: Rev. Rodger Prois

Internship period: 07/01/2024 to 05/18/2025
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Statements regarding the internship: Intern: (Limit 800 characters)

Internship affirmed my call to Word and Sacrament. I entered internship concerned about preaching almost every week. I was not sure I could write that many sermons, but I have had so much fun. I love wrestling with the text. There have been so many new insights and so many new ways of seeing things. I love hearing the stories members of the congregation often share after the service. It still amazes me how the Holy Spirit uses my words to touch others. Internship has given me so many opportunities to care for and serve others in the community. My previous career as a pediatrician gave me extensive experience in caring for others, but proclaiming the Word and building community has allowed me to share and care in new ways. In the coming years, I plan to keep learning and serving.

Supervisor: (Limit 800 characters)

Catherine began her internship as a theologically trained retired medical doctor. I feel she has taken on the role as Pastor and is now is a theologically sound retired doctor who is ready to serve the church. Her first career did not require a public presence but she has become much more comfortable in leading worship and being the person the congregation looks to for spiritual guidance. I sense that her years of experience as a lay leader in congregations helped her understand the systems at play in the parish and she has come to understand where the Pastor fits in the organization.

Committee: (Limit 800 characters)

Cathy has demonstrated exponential growth in her ability to lead a congregation. Any weaknesses can only be equated to her inexperience, having begun internship less than a year ago. But with her tenacity to embrace opportunities for learning and development, any detectable weaknesses will certainly swing to the strengths given time. Her ability to speak fluently and coherently in the context of the Bible and Christianity has broadened. Ministry is more than a second career for her, it's a real calling. She is an excellent listener, which is certainly a carryover from being a pediatrician. She effectively uses her interpersonal skills to communicate, interact and build relationships with others. She possesses the aptitude, desire, and intelligence to be a very competent minister.

Signature: _____

Date: 05/01/2025

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REPORT OF FACULTY

Recommendation of Faculty: Approval

Please comment on each of the following areas:

1. Academic and theological competence

Cathy was born and raised in the Lutheran tradition. It is something that, she said, is "in her bones." Seminary has affirmed and deepened her appreciation for the Lutheran church and its theological tradition. Central for her theology is justification by grace through faith alone and its stress on how God comes to us rather than the reverse. Cathy sees Baptism and Holy Communion as essential ways in which God communicates God's love for people and creation.

2. Call to ministry and ministry gifts:

Cathy talks in a moving way about the abiding sense of Christ's presence in her daily life. As a result, prayer is an essential way for her to practice her faith. She also is a keen student of Scripture and uses the metaphor of wrestling to describe her engagement with the Bible. She has a call to a ministry involving preaching but she also recognizes the difficulty of delivering messages she has worked to prepare that move the hearts and minds of people. Cathy is a genuinely humble person but with a strong sense of self---a combination that should serve her well as a pastor. Finally, she is empathetic and conscientious, which are key qualities for a pastoral leader.

3. Practical readiness and leadership skills

Cathy comes to ministry from a vocation as a pediatrician. She has been at many bedsides where people were facing difficult situations for themselves or their families. Cathy will be an effective provider of pastoral care, bringing words of concern and hope in times of stress and illness. She has a heart for rural or small town ministry and knows well the social world of these communities. She has both people and leadership skills, as well as a vibrant trust in God, that will make her a faithful and effective pastor.

Seminary: Luther Seminary

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Date: 04/30/2025

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