

Rev. Lawton Thompson

Personal and Family Information

Rev. Lawton Thompson is 40 years old and is from Oviedo, FL.

Pastor Thompson has been married to his wife, Jessica for the last 18 years. Jessica is currently teaching first grade at Word of Life Lutheran School. Jessica has 13 years of teaching experience and previously taught at a Lutheran school in Oviedo, FL. She received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Central Florida and her Lutheran Teacher's Certification from the Concordia House of Studies.

Lawton and Jessica have two children:

- Noah, Age 16 (attends Lindbergh High School)
- Jonathan, Age 14 (attends Word of Life; planning on attending Lutheran South next year)

Educational Background

Lawton received a B.A. in History from the University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL in 2009 and an M.S. in Emergency Management from Capella University, Minneapolis, MN, in 2016. He completed the Specific Ministry Pastor program through Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, in 2020. Lawton is currently enrolled in the M. Div. program at Concordia Seminary.

Prior to pursuing the ministry, Lawton worked as an EMT, as a firefighter and as a fire lieutenant.

Vicarage

Lawton served part-time for four years as an SMP vicar/pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, FL. During his SMP Call at St. Luke's, Lawton served in a part-time role ministering primarily to youth but also to the families and staff at St. Luke's day school. Lawton continued to work full time as a firefighter for the city of Oviedo during this time.

Rev. Lee Hopf

Personal and Family Information

Pastor Lee is 32 years old and is currently serving in Spring, TX. Pastor Lee is not married and has no children, other than his Boxer named Spartacus. Lee grew up in Warner Robins, GA with Mount Calvary Lutheran Church being his home church.

Pastor Hopf was active in sports while in school and remains involved by coaching basketball at the Trinity Klein school.

While in school, Pastor Lee was the Director of Trinity Woods Summer Day Camp. Trinity Woods Summer Day Camp is a Christ-Centered, Christian setting, where kids, ages five to thirteen, can have summer fun.

Educational Background

Pastor Lee received a B.A. majoring in English from Birmingham-Southern College (2007 – 2011). After getting his undergraduate degree, Pastor Lee attended Concordia Seminary St. Louis getting his Master of Divinity (M. Div) in Theology/Theological Studies (2011 – 2016).

Vicarage

Pastor Lee served his vicarage at Pilgrim Lutheran Church and School, Green Bay, WI from August 2014 through August of 2015.

Experience

Pastor Hopf received his first call out of the Seminary to fill the role of Assistant Pastor to Youth at Trinity Klein Lutheran Church in Spring, Tx. Pastor Lee has remained in this role for the last 5+ years and finds youth ministry to be his calling.