

# **STAFFING UPDATES**

## **at BETHLEHEM**

### **Jodi Schwan**

To the People of Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

As many of you know, Doug Eisenbeisz, our Director of Welcoming and Serving, is retiring at the end of August. A search team was put together to find our next Director of Welcoming and Serving with the hope and intention that the new director and Doug would overlap for a period of time so that Doug could train the new director.



*The search team is delighted to share that Jodi Schwan has accepted the position as Bethlehem's next Director of Welcoming and Serving.* Jodi served in this role prior to Doug, and we are grateful that she is returning to share her gifts with us. We are also incredibly grateful to Doug for his 8 years of excellent work, and for his willingness to assist the new director during this transition. As Jodi prepares to begin her work as Bethlehem's Director of Welcoming and Serving, here is a message she'd like to share with the congregation,

*My name is Jodi Schwan. I am married to Joe and a busy mom to two boys, Jayden and Jordan. Jayden will be a freshman at the University of Jamestown, and Jordan will be a sophomore at Groton Area High School. Whether I'm traveling to my boys' sports or music events, reading a good book, or working on a quilting project, I enjoy staying active and connected with family and community. I look forward to rejoining the BLC team in August as Director of Welcoming and Serving.*

The search team asks that you hold Doug in prayer as he prepares for retirement, and to hold Jodi in prayer as she steps into the role of Director of Welcoming and Serving at Bethlehem.

Additional details about celebrating Doug's retirement and when Jodi will begin will be available later this summer.

God's Blessings,

Members of Director of Welcoming and Serving Search Team  
Rev. Matthew Spoden (Point Pastor for Welcoming and Serving)  
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