

**Rev. James L. Goodyear, Jr.**

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Pastor Jim is a native of York County, where his parents, two brothers, numerous nieces and nephews still live. His youngest brother lives in Cape Coral, Florida. In addition, Pastor Jim's sons live in Virginia. Bradley, a Major in the US Army currently stationed at Fort Eustis near Williamsburg Virginia. He is married to Elizabeth and father of Charlotte and Cheyenne. Bryan, a US Department of Defense contractor lives in suburban Washington DC with his wife Andrea. Bryan and Andrea are expecting their first child, Gideon, in April. Pastor Jim moved to the Philadelphia area in 2007 to complete his seminary studies.

Upon graduation from Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia in 2010, he stayed in the area serving as part-time Youth Director and later as Associate Pastor for Youth & Family Ministries (2009 – 2014) and Pastor (2014 – 2018) at Gloria Dei Church in Huntingdon Valley, and as part-time term call Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Washington (2011 – 2014). In addition to Pastor Jim's Master of Divinity from LTSP, he has a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management from Eastern University.

In the past four years, he has served in the following roles within the Southeastern PA synod:

1. Chaplain/Adult Leader for Lutheran Youth Organization.
2. Chaplain/Adult Chaperone for Youth Servant Trip to Boston, MA;
3. Leader on Lower Montgomery Conference Stewardship Team;
4. Presenter at 2015 Synod Assembly on Networking for Congregations.
5. Chaplain for Senior High Youth Gathering 2013.
6. Serve on team discerning process for electing our synod's next bishop.

Prior to Pastor Jim's seminary studies, he worked in the Foodservice Industry in restaurant Management for Rutter's Corporation, and as an Event Planner/General Manager for Altland House Catering.

Pastor Jim's area of expertise include:

1. Building a sense of community
2. Teaching
3. Pastoral care and visitation
4. Innovation and creativity
5. Preaching/worship leadership

In addition, his ministry strengths lie in:

1. Small group ministry
2. Recruit and equip leaders
3. Youth and family ministry
4. Evangelism/mission
5. Administration

After meeting Pastor Jim, the Call Committee created the following recommendation to the Council:

‘The Call Committee met with Pastor Jim for about two hours and had a lively, open, honest and frank discussion about his ministry, Bergstrasse and Ephrata. The committee was impressed with his candor and perception of the problem of churches today. We felt that he had the knowledge and energy to be a pastor in a church that needed a revitalization and a fresh start. He discussed the fact that a more creative approach to church ministry and finance may be needed. He recognized that old churches carry old baggage and may need to seek new ways to serve God and their community. The committee feels that his skills and personality match very closely with the priorities we established in our profile. Some of these are: provide care and nurture – he has grown into his faith through many experiences; preaching/worship – dynamic in worship; effective with youth – experience in Lutheran Camp work; innovative and creative – style of leadership and engaging; and brings joy and good humor – excellent sense of humor and thinks on his feet. Pastor Jim is obedient to God’s call into ministry. He is a warm, welcoming person of radical hospitality. He is community-minded, with a willingness to know our neighbors.’