

Meet your new rostered leader: Deacon Scott Burns!

Quick background and some fun facts:

<u>Graduated from:</u>	Luther Seminary, 2020 (the first class to have its graduation ceremony online!) I also hold a BA from UW-Stout and MSE from UW-Superior.
<u>CPE (chaplain residency):</u>	RC Freedom Ministries, San Antonio, TX; clinical placement- Allina Health, Twin Cities.
<u>Internship:</u>	Bethany Lutheran, Rice Lake, WI
<u>Ordained:</u>	September 2021
<u>Previously served at:</u>	Ridgeland Lutheran, Ridgeland, WI (5 years). New Brighton (MN) Dept. of Public Safety as a Community Chaplain.
<u>I am married to:</u>	Patti, middle school music educator and accomplished church musician!
<u>Where we call home:</u>	Haugen, WI (the suburbs of)
<u>Fur babies:</u>	Thelma (Great Dane), Harkin (Golden Retriever)
<u>First career:</u>	Law Enforcement
<u>Interests:</u>	HD motorcycles. Dogs. Carpentry. Boating and spending time at our property 'up north' in the Hayward lakes area. Performing with a number of musical groups in the surrounding area. I have been an EMT for the past 35 years and remain active as a first responder with our township's fire department.
<u>Favorite:</u>	Food- pizza. Color- black. Instrument- trumpet. Soda-Faygo diet root beer. Team-Badgers, Brewers, Packers. (Sorry, 'purple and gold fans'- but you can expect to take some razzing from <i>this</i> preacher!)
<u>Fun facts:</u>	Served in the U.S. Coast Guard-Auxiliary for 20 years. After seminary, I worked as a UPS driver because the ECLA call process had come to a halt due to the pandemic.

I will be sharing more about me and about my story of answering God's call to ministry in upcoming monthly columns and of course, in my Sunday messages. Patti and I are looking forward to meeting all of you in person and becoming a part of these wonderful congregations!