

Dear members of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer,

We wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for the Call to be your Pastor, and to introduce ourselves a little more to you. We know that it must have been a significant decision to Call a Pastor from another country, whom you know almost nothing about - and this is not something we take lightly. I feel honoured to have the opportunity to come to Canada and serve you, and we look forward to meeting and getting to know you all very soon.

A little bit about us...

I have been a Pastor for 4 years and did not grow up in the Lutheran church, or in fact in any church. I was raised in Melbourne by a single mother, but my grandmother was particularly pivotal in my upbringing. I was drawn to the Lutheran Church due to its beauty and faithfulness to the Word of God (but more on that when we meet in person).

I enjoy socialising, reading books about theology and listening to good music. I am also an avid Australian Rules football fan and this is perhaps what I will miss most about Australia. My

calculations say that AFL games will be on at 2am Winnipeg time, if anyone cares to come over and join me in watching you would be most welcome!



Jacqui makes up for the lack of Lutheranism on my part – being the child of a pastor, the granddaughter of pastors on both sides of her family and now having also a brother studying to enter the ministry (hoping to come over and study at St Catherine's this year.) She is a teacher, and has taught Grade 3 and Kindergarten in previous years. She now takes great joy in being a homemaker and nurturing our little one. She also enjoys reading, singing, thrift shopping and going for walks (although we suspect this may change in -20 degree weather...).

Lydia is our baby and she will be 1 year old in April. She started crawling a few months ago and we are finding that we are having to 'babyproof' everything. She is generally a very happy, chubby and social baby, who is endlessly delighted at

the simplest of things. Her little personality becomes more apparent every day, and being her parents is the greatest privilege and a source of much joy. As our own families will be thousands of miles away, we look forward to immersing her in her new Winnipeg church family.



With only a few months left here in Australia, we are becoming increasingly excited to begin this journey with you all. We are thrilled to become a part of your congregation soon and to begin to explore Winnipeg.

Blessings,
Pastor Shaun, Jacqui and Lydia Manning