

Meet Pastor Kevin O'Hara and Kevin McGettrick

Pastor Kevin and his husband, Kevin, are both Pennsylvania natives. Pr Kevin is from the Philadelphia area, and Kevin hails from the area near Harrisburg. They recently moved to Pleasantville from Patchogue, NY, where Pr Kevin served as the pastor of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour 7 ½ years. They have been married for 2 ½ years.

Growing up, Pr Kevin and his family were very involved in the congregational life at Augustus Lutheran Church, one of the oldest Lutheran churches in the U.S., which was founded by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the *Father of American Lutheranism*. Pr Kevin sang in the children's and adult choirs, and rang with both the children's and adult handbell choirs. He also took piano and organ lessons, and played for the Sunday School and for special services. His family continues to serve in leadership roles in the congregation.

While growing up, Pastor Kevin was a competitive swimmer. He was also involved in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, rising to the rank of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout project was to build a bird sanctuary on the property of Augustus Lutheran Church.

At Elizabethtown College, Pastor Kevin majored in elementary education and minored in music and religious studies. After graduation, he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary) and received his M.Div in 2010. After serving his internship at St. Peter's, Manhattan and the Lutheran Office of World Community, Pr Kevin was ordained. Since then he has served as pastor at Redeemer in Queens Village and at Our Saviour's in Patchogue.

At the Synod level, Pastor Kevin has served on the Candidacy Committee, the Assembly Planning Committee, and as dean of the Peconic Conference. In the wider community, he has been chair of the Protestant Campus Ministry at Stony Brook University, and has been active in several ecumenical and interfaith organizations.

In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his husband, playing with his cats, letting his two turtles get some exercise roaming a room, reading, gardening, or playing the piano.

Kevin McGettrick, Pastor Kevin's husband, is an actuary for New York Life Insurance Company, where he has worked since graduating from the University of Rochester. While in school, he became an avid runner. In his free time he enjoys meteorology, astronomy, and being in nature. Kevin is excited to be back in Westchester, near where he lived right after college. He and Pastor Kevin are hoping to adopt a child in the near future.

Pastor Kevin believes that the ideal ministry calling is where all voices can be heard, where cooperation is key, and where the gospel is constantly proclaimed in word and action. He is committed to helping God's mission in the world, no matter where he is sent.