

Rev. Sharon C Walker Biography



I attended my weekend on Indiana Via de Cristo #10 where I sat at the table of Esther. It has been my privilege to serve on many weekends since in a variety of positions. After my weekend I was called to serve on Weekend #12 as a professor. I served on both In-Ky VdC weekends and Brethren Way of Christ, which the VdC helped start. I have met in several different reunion groups from 2 people up to 5 people. Most of the time they met weekly but also have met every other week and monthly. It has always been a great support to have fellow sisters in Christ praying for me and for me to be able to pray for them. I have helped in hosting Ultreya's after the weekends. Serving as a rector twice was truly a gift, once on Women's #20 and again on our first Co-ed weekend. It was after the Co-ed weekend and with the support of my Reunion Sisters that I entered the call process with the Indiana Kentucky Synod of the ELCA. Through the process of discernment, I started towards ordination with TEEM (Theological Education in Emerging Ministries) and was called to serve as a SAM (Synodically Authorized Minister) at Shiloh Lutheran Church in Walton Indiana. While going to school

at LSTC (Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago), I would minister at Shiloh leading worship, presiding at communion, leading bible studies, baptizing new members, confirming young students and some adults, tending to the sick and dying, and leading worship at funerals. All this was done under the guidance of my assigned supervisor Pastor Doug Given. I was ordained in 2009 and was called as full-time pastor of Shiloh. In 2011, we entered a Shared Ministry with Christ Lutheran Church in Kokomo Indiana. We continued in that relationship and both churches thrived and continued with outreach and ministry in their communities and with each other. In January 2023, Shiloh had a Holy Closure service after 163 years of ministry. Walton is a small rural community and Shiloh lacked the younger members in order to continue to do repairs and maintenance of the building. Shiloh did not close due to a lack of money, but a lack of strong backs!! In fact, Shiloh has given to 4 like-ministries gifts of over \$12,000 to each. In that way our outreach and ministry continues on. Several of the members at Shiloh and Christ LC have been through a weekend and serve as a strong spiritual force within the faith community. I am now serving full time at Christ LC where several members of Shiloh have transferred their membership. I am grateful for the support of my VdC family and the leading of the Holy Spirit everyday. God Loves You and So Do !!