



Rev. J. Wesley Beck

Pastor Beck was born and raised in suburban Chicago where he attended St. John Lutheran School. He began his undergraduate work at Colorado College but left after two years to apprentice to a wooden boatbuilder. The next year he married his high school sweetheart. Together they built a house in rural Wisconsin and started a family.

Eighteen years of boatbuilding gave way to a decade in the hydroelectric business. However, at numerous turns the prompting of the Spirit and friends kept the thought of entering the ministry alive. Finally, when their youngest child graduated from high school, they sold their house and he enrolled at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

Upon graduation, Pastor Beck received the Divine Call to serve at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tillamook, Oregon. He served there for fourteen years before retiring in 2021. During that time, he worked with the LWML as zone pastoral counselor and on the district level as Junior and then Senior Pastoral Counselor.

In his retirement, Pastor Beck continues to serve as guest pastor for St John in Seaview, Washington on the odd numbered Sundays and filling in for the occasional service around the area. In addition, he was elected to a second round of Junior – Senior Counselor with the LWML Oregon District.

Outside of church work Pastor Beck continues to pursue his love of woodworking, camping, and fishing.