

Female Pastors Available for Preaching in the Local Church

Thank you for your willingness to empower women and share the pulpit! Below is a list of women in the MWC that are willing to preach, along with a number of bios and sermon samples. As the inviting church, please consider helping with travel costs and providing an honorarium for these women. Most of them are ordained and all in the process of credentialing. If you have any questions please contact Patty Thompson, mwcpatty@gmail.com.

Last Name	First Name	Job Title	Email	Cell Phone	Credentialed
Bruggeman	Meghan	Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation	megbroogs1@gmail.com	(630) 418-8003	x
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Hilts	Tracy	Chaplain	tracy8hilts@gmail.com	(719) 325-6448	x
Houwen	Win	Teaching Pastor	pastorwin@lifedepot.org	(720) 308-2323	x
Larson	Kara	Chaplain	karaalarson@gmail.com	(913) 636-3917	x
Martinez	Katie	Executive Pastor	kmartinez@crossroadscolorado.com	(970) 430-4049	x
Moore	Jodi	Pastor of Connections	pastorjodi@gmail.com	(402) 277-0251	x
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Nelson-Welker	Tracy	Life Pastor	pastortracy@lifedepot.org	(720) 999-4523	x
Peterson	Mary	Associate Pastor of Children	pastormary@firstcovenantomaha.org	(210) 394-9300	x
Roth	Carol	Retired ECC pastor	ceroth8416@yahoo.com	(913) 488-7621	x
Rowlands	Mary	Chaplain	marybrowlands@gmail.com	(913) 579-3462	x
Simpson	Cindy	Chaplain	cindysimps@gmail.com	(214) 797-6850	
Springer	Jessica	Family Pastor	jessica.s@cccks.org	(479) 685-5535	x
Swanson-Draheim	Tammy	Superintendent	mwctammy@gmail.com	(641) 512-6003	x
Thompson	Patty	Director of Prayer and Leadership Mobilization	mwcpatty@gmail.com	(316) 214-3267	x
Thornburg	Elyse	Pastor of Connections & Christian Formation	elyset@lifespringchurch.org	(970) 690-4166	x
Wiebe	Heidi	Pastor	h.wiebe.6381@gmail.com	(785) 817-2405	x

Bios and Sermon Samples

Dawn Burnett, Pastor of Community Life, Celebration Covenant Church, Omaha, NE

Dawn Burnett co-pastors with her husband Roo at Celebration Covenant in Omaha, NE. Her passion is "to help the church truly be the church" by equipping God's people to live fully into all the blessings and ministry possibilities Jesus came to give us. Dawn is a certified spiritual director. She loves spending time with her daughter Althea, walking with her joyful dog, and reading with a nearby cup of tea.

Here is one of Dawn's latest sermons: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VM6IF5jY0Ik&t=6s>



Claire McClun, Associate Pastor of Adult Discipleship, Hillcrest Covenant Church, Prairie Village, KS

I am blessed to serve on the pastoral staff of Hillcrest Covenant Church where I give leadership to the adult discipleship team and facilitate spiritual formation through discipleship, teaching and pastoral care. I am passionate about developing the God-given potential of people and the local church. My heart sings as I make and deepen disciples and equip disciples for Kingdom ministry. My husband Adam and I met at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School while we were pursuing MDivs and our joint call is to be a bridge between the community and the Church. We are delighted to be parents to our son Theo who helps us get to know neighbors. We enjoy learning, serving, cooking, exercising outdoors, and traveling together.

My desire is to grow in preaching God's Word with faithfulness and relevance. A key way to do that is through delivering sermons. My hope is that my preaching would be of service to you and to the church you pastor. Here's a sampling of my recent sermons:

- Matthew 22:34-40; 28:16-20, Disciples' Work: <http://hillcrestcov.org/sermon/disciples-work/>
- Proverbs 11:10, Shalom for the City: <https://vimeo.com/135925585>
- Hebrews 10:19-25, Community: <https://vimeo.com/113333087>

Jodi Moore, Rural Ministry Partner/Pastor of Connections, ECC Start and Strengthen Churches/First Covenant Church, Lincoln, NE

Jodi Moore is the Rural Ministry Partner for Start and Strengthen Churches in the Evangelical Covenant Church. She is a resource and advocate for rural pastors and churches in the areas of leadership, governance change and congregational vitality. She also serves part-time as the Pastor of Connections at First Covenant Church in Lincoln, NE. Prior to this, she led the Evangelical Covenant Church in Ceresco, Nebraska through a ten-year vitality journey. Jodi lives in Lincoln, NE, with her husband and two daughters (ages 4 and 7) where she makes her own caramel macchiato every day.

A sample of Jodi's preaching can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RdMr2GI-w>.

Vannae Savig, Connections Pastor, Council Tree Covenant Church, Ft Collins, CO

Vannae grew up in the Chicago Area. She studied Biblical and Theological Studies at North Park University. She also received her Advanced Certificate in Biblical Leadership from Vineyard Institute. Vannae currently serves as the Connections Pastor at Council Tree Covenant Church in northern Colorado. She loves writing, reading mystery novels, and singing in the car with her windows down, despite the embarrassed looks of her family.

A sample of Vannae's sermons can be found at <https://www.counciltreecovenant.com/good-to-great>.

Cindy Simpson, Chaplain, Christian Living Communities, Denver, CO

Cindy is single and currently wears several different vocational "hats." She serves as a full-time chaplain at Christian Living Communities in Denver, CO. In her role as chaplain, Cindy's primary responsibility is providing pastoral care for the senior adult residents and team members at Someren Glen Retirement Community. As a part of the CLC chaplain team, Cindy leads weekly Bible studies, facilitates a variety of group activities, and directs the Sunday morning worship services twice a month.

Cindy is also an Associated Faculty member at Denver Seminary and teaches several classes in the evenings. Additionally, in her role at Denver Seminary, she manages the administrative details for the Clinical Pastoral Education chaplain internship program.



One of Cindy's passions, stemming from her work as a hospital chaplain, is helping individuals and families prepare for, and deal with, end-of-life issues. She has her own side ministry, Preparing to Finish Well, and occasionally leads weekend seminars in local churches.

In her spare time, Cindy loves spending time with good friends, gardening in the warm sunshine, eating good Mexican food, and reading and writing. She has a passion for communicating the Word of God well, opening the door for the Holy Spirit to bring about life transformation.

A written sermon sample is available through the Midwest Conference office upon request.

Elyse Thornburg, Pastor of Connections & Formation, LifeSpring Covenant Church, Loveland, CO

Elyse is the Pastor of Connections & Formation at LifeSpring Covenant Church in Loveland, Colorado. She is both a Loveland and a LifeSpring native—she was born on a Tuesday and brought to LifeSpring her very first Sunday. After graduating from high school, she attended Capernwray Bible School in England and then Moody Bible Institute in Chicago where she received her B.A. in Pastoral Studies with an emphasis in Women's Ministry. Elyse graduated with her M.A. in Christian Formation and Soul Care from Denver Seminary in 2016. Her thesis, *Life with Christ in Color*, made a case for the necessity of creativity in spiritual formation.

Elyse is thrilled to be back home at LifeSpring as the Pastor of Connections & Formation. She counts it a privilege to help people relationally belong at LifeSpring and grow in their understanding and experience of God's incredible and unfathomable love. In her free time, she can be found reading, napping, traveling, eating, laughing and being a bridesmaid and an aunt.

All of Elyse's sermons are available online at www.lifespringchurch.org/sermons. Some of the series she has preached in include *Christmas Paradox*, *Hospitality*, *Theology on Tap*, *Finding God in the Dark*, *The Book of Acts*, *Unknown Prophets*, *Immerse*, and *The King Has Come*.

