

About our Pastoral Candidate...

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Catherine (Catie) Nelson grew up in Annawan, Illinois. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. She graduated from Augustana College in Rockford, Illinois, with BA degrees in religious studies and communications. She was a vicar at First Lutheran Church in Dekalb, Illinois. She is engaged to Dillon Ford, a police officer, and will be married October 9th.

She considers these to be her areas of expertise:

- outdoor ministry
- children's ministry
- ecumenical work
- pastoral care and visitation
- music/worship/arts
- building relationships



She has a therapy dog in training that she would like to bring on pastoral visits. She was a track and field athlete in high school and college and is excited to work with the community in these areas. If you would like to view Catie's preaching, you can visit the website for First Lutheran Church in DeKalb, Illinois: [Worship – First Lutheran Church \(firstdekalb.org\)](http://firstdekalb.org)

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