



Rev. Duane Bamsch

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Rev. Duane Bamsch is a born-and-bred Texan who serves the people of God at Grace Lutheran Church in Grass Valley, CA, where he has been pastor since 2018. Pastor Bamsch earned a Bachelor’s degree from Concordia University—Texas in 1994, and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN, in 1998.

His experience with Higher Things stretches back to 2005 as a participant, and he has since served the organization in various roles—primarily in worship and catechesis—since 2008. Pastor Bamsch has served on the board of Higher Things since 2015, and as vice-president since 2016. He is married to Stephanie, and has two children, who help focus him on getting Jesus into the ears of youth and daring them to be Lutheran.



Rev. Aaron Fenker

Pastor, Bethlehem and Immanuel Lutheran Churches, Bremen, KS

Dean of Theology, Higher Things, Inc.

As the dean of theology, Aaron oversees all the ways that Christ crucified is delivered throughout all operations and programs of Higher Things, making sure that its teaching, preaching, and worship deliver Christ and His forgiveness to those we have been blessed to serve. As a Lutheran pastor, he believes that all people, even youth and young adults, need not just pure doctrine but the pure Gospel: Christ crucified for the forgiveness of their sins. He passionately strives to make sure that Jesus’ teaching, Jesus’ preaching, Jesus’ Word, Jesus’ Sacraments, Jesus’ forgiveness are all delivered FOR YOU.

