

June Disciple 2021

Howdy St John's congregation,

Blessings to you all! It is with great joy that I write this letter to introduce myself as your new Designated Term Minister! I am Reverend Rebecca Grace Sausser, but most people call me Pastor Becky. Originally I hail from Schuylkill Haven where my parents still live; it serves as a home base for my siblings and I and we hold the tradition of Sunday night dinner together as a sacred meal.

While studying at Moravian Theological Seminary I met the love of my life, Christina Siewert (now Sausser). After canceling our wedding and eloping in a global pandemic, we are celebrating our first wedding anniversary this month! We reside in Kutztown with our rescue dog Kane, and our current favorite activity is walking downtown and enjoying the beautiful weather! We also love visiting family and antiquing!

I officially begin on June 15<sup>th</sup> and I can't begin to express how excited I am to get to know all of you and learn more about St John's Church! Thank you for the opportunity to serve alongside you as the body of Christ moving throughout this community! If you have thoughts or dreams about St John's I would love to hear them! Even if you just want a chance to introduce yourself, call, text, or email me and we can set up a time to talk!

Blessings to you in the month of June! As the my sister's strawberry patch begins to sprout the promise of fresh fruit I was reminded of Psalm 34:8, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God." I pray that you would taste and see the goodness of God this month! My final request, please pray for our new beginning together! As we set off on this exciting journey in the life of the church, let us remember that, "The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps (Proverbs 16:9).

-Pastor Becky Sausser